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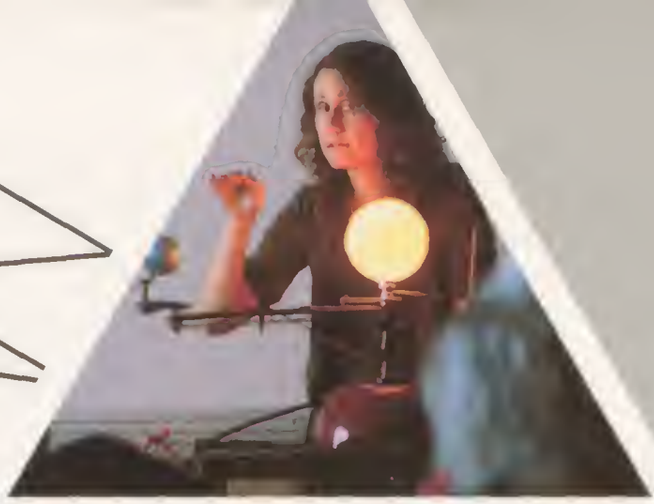

PARAGON 2014

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- Ms. Shonna Siegers, science teacher
- Sara Shah, sophomore
- Briana Crowe, junior
- Sophomores Mladjan Jankovic (34) and Clay Arnold (44) and juniors Dean Svolos (5) and Stevan Djuric (13)
- Rohan Chatterjee, junior
- Tess Talabay, junior
- Arturo Landeros, senior

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▲ **FLAG DAY** With the American flag waving behind him, Paul DeRolf (50) runs onto the football field after breaking through the Mustang Football banner at the Homecoming game. "Everyone was pumped up because we wanted to show the alumni what we had going for us," Paul said. "It was going to be a good game, and we wanted to prove that we had the heart and desire to win. I carried the American flag to show respect for the veterans. They were protecting us and allowed us to play on that Friday night. Carrying it was my idea, so the guys let me do it. I've seen it done in college games and I wanted to do it. It was my senior year and it would have be my only opportunity."

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Adding a seventh hour to our school day daunted us at first. Would we have more homework? How crowded would lunches be? And what about a new principal? What changes would that bring? Our school's structure was evolving, and we found ourselves trying to adjust.

But these changes went beyond an empty slot on a schedule or a 15 minute wait in Guidance.

They were more than that.

Our mornings became a bit more cheerful after receiving a fist bump from Mr. Melby. We found ourselves finally able to fit the classes we were most interested in into our schedule. The chances of sitting with our friends at lunch increased with the number of people. And we raced from Statistics to AP Economics as the countdown clocks grew closer and closer to zero.

We found these additions all around us. But it wasn't just the school. We gained a better perspective of ourselves.

We proved that it wasn't just about what kind of car we drove or what stores we shopped at. We proved that it didn't matter if we spent seven minutes or seven hours studying for the Chemistry final.

We rose beyond the stereotypes others saw on the surface.

We were more than that.

We rode our bikes to school instead of driving for our AP Environmental Science Eco Challenge to help build a better environment. We stayed at Panera until closing with our We the People study group to look for extra sources. We rose before the sun to swim 1000 yards at morning practice. We doubled up on our layers of clothing as we braved the -35 degree windchill when no other school in the area would. And we came together as we trended hashtags worldwide to raise awareness of our friend's story.

To put it simply, we gained a great deal.
We were, and always will be,

MORE THAN

▶ FOCUSING HER CAMERA, Hannah Fischer, senior, prepares to take a photo of Brenda Flores, senior, during Brenda's senior picture photoshoot. "A lot of people, especially girls, were self-conscious of how they appeared, and it was amplified when they looked at pictures of themselves," Hannah said. "However, with a professional camera like mine, everyone's beauty was showcased. Looking through a lens, I could see someone's true beauty, and when they received their pictures, they could see it, too. It allowed them to see themselves in a different way." ▶ PURPLE CHALK IN HAND, Jessica Layous, junior, draws a message at the front entrance in memory of Colleen Lusk, junior. "I was really sad with her death and I felt that the only way I could get through it was to contribute to her memory as much I could," Jessica said. "She meant a lot to me. As many people who knew about her story, the better." ▶ AS HE FOLLOWS THROUGH WITH HIS SWING, Mr. Bill Smitka, social studies teacher, watches his golf ball fly down the aisle during two students' presentation on the Augusta National Golf Club in U.S. Government. "I thought it was really neat," Mr. Smitka said. "They did a really nice job on their presentation, so it made sense that we would have a bit of fun that last five minutes of class. Everyone seemed to really enjoy it, myself included." ▲ FINGER POINTED, Sam Toth, senior, leads a chant at the Homecoming Pep Rally. "It was my job to help get the crowd riled up," Sam said. ▲ WITH OUTSTRETCHED ARMS, Michael Portone, junior, sprints towards Demetri Georgalas, senior, in celebration of a goal by Portone in the game against Highland. "Winning that game was awesome because we were still first in Conference," Demetri said. "We knew Highland was going to be a tough game and rivalries are always fun to play against." ▲ BUNDLED UP IN A SCARF AND GOLVES, Alyssa Wojick, senior, walks Abby, her Yellow Lab, in the snow on Sunday morning. "It was really cold, but my dog was really bored at home, so I decided to take her for a walk," Alyssa said. "It had been really snowy previous days, so we couldn't get out of the house, but that day wasn't too bad."

OUT WITH THE OLD, IN WITH THE NEW

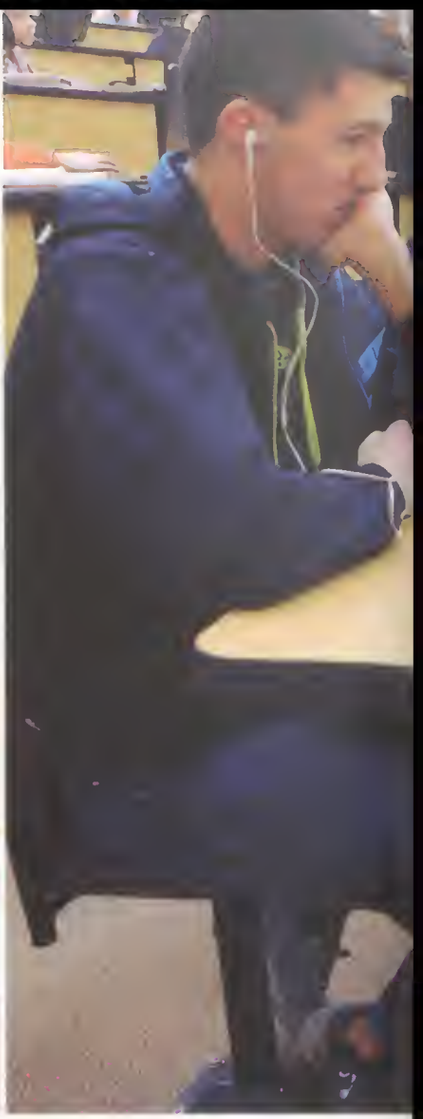
New books. New classes. New schedule. A new school year brings many changes. Along with this, an even bigger change took place—a new principal. As students adjusted to this administration change, the transition proved to be a larger adjustment for [redacted], principal. "It was a learning experience every day, but my goal was to soak everything in and learn all of the aspects of being principal," Mr. Wells said.

WHY WAS SIX AFRAID OF SEVEN?

Sixth hour comes to a close, and students begin packing up. The bell rings, but instead of going home, students now head to their next class—seventh hour. With many changes taking place, especially a new hour and a new schedule, students and faculty had to adjust to this addition in many ways. "With six hours, after third hour, you were almost done with the day," [redacted], senior, said. "Now there isn't really a halfway point. Because of this, I'm not a huge fan of having seven hours because it makes the day feel a lot longer."

Mr. Mike Wells, principal, surveys the cafeteria. "Coming into this year, I was feeling very anxious," Mr. Wells said. "But that feeling subsided as I went through, and I began really enjoying it."

[redacted] Stephanie Patterson, freshman, reviews for her seventh hour English class. "I think having a seventh hour was fine because classes are short enough so I liked it," Stephanie said.



JUDIE'S JOKES

While saying the announcements every day, Judie Muhrez, senior, decided to have fun with it by adding many sayings to her usual script

"I'M BAAACK!"

"GOBBLE GOBBLE"

"I PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE UNITED STATES..."

"NEIGH!" "GOOOOD MORNING!"

"BIG BOOTY JUDIE OUT!"

Source: Judie Muhrez, senior

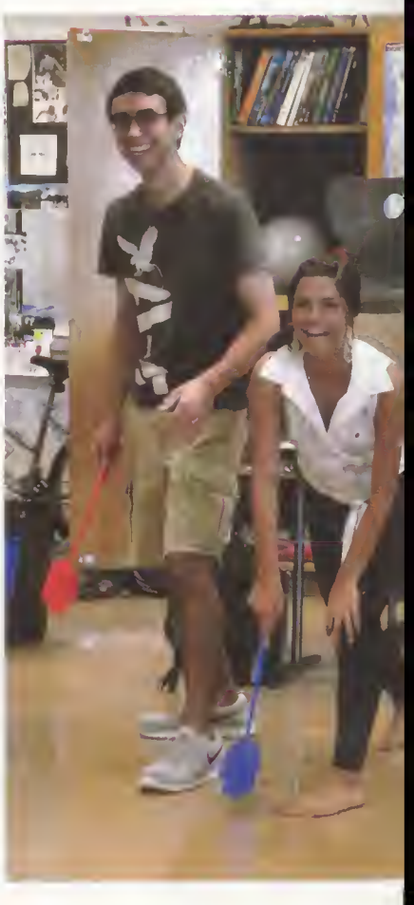
NEW SCHEDULE, NEW CLASSES

With a new seven hour day, many new classes were offered to help fill up schedules

"In AP Environmental Science, I learned a lot about national parks and how they come about funding and how difficult it is to raise money to save the environment."

"If you didn't mind taking notes every day and doing some homework, AP Human Geography wasn't that hard. All you really needed to do was pay attention and do your homework."

"Personal Finance was a lot of notes, but it'll teach you some really valuable real life skills. We learned a lot about keeping and maintaining a budget, and how to manage your finances."



[redacted] Getting ready for their turn, seniors Kevin Yurasovich and Courtney Zunica play a review game in AP Environmental Science. "I think APES was a great class with a great teacher," Kevin said. "It made me more aware of the issues of the world."

LEARNING CURVE

From a new principal to a loss of a study hall, students and faculty had to adjust in many ways, making every day a learning experience

With the new seven period schedule, some students found themselves wishing they still had a study hall. Although students could take a study hall, it would fill up a period on their schedule.

"Study halls are a great option for those who need time during the school day to catch up on homework, or to prevent from falling behind," [redacted], sophomore, said. "You could also use them to waste time, or talk with friends, which wasn't always the best thing."

While some students enjoyed having a study hall, some were glad that they don't have a study hall.

"I'm glad that I didn't have a study hall because I don't really like school, so I didn't have to sit there and not do anything," [redacted], sophomore, said. "I'd rather be in class, rather than do nothing."

[redacted] Listening to music while studying, Adis Bradaric, senior, uses his time wisely in study hall. "Having a study hall is awesome," Adis said. "I get to finish my homework and study for my tests and quizzes."

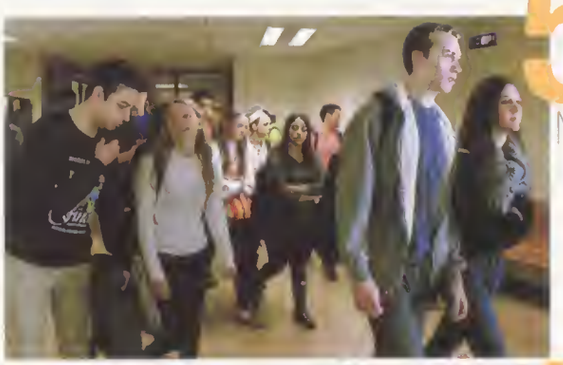
MINUTE BY MINUTE

As a part of their presidential campaign, seniors Eashan Kumar and Calvin Sanders introduced countdown clocks into the hallways

[redacted] Hayley Kwasniewski, junior, and Luis Dominguez, senior head to their sixth hour class. "The countdown clocks had really helped me tell the time so I knew how long I had to get to class," Hayley said.

[redacted] students take a second to look at the countdown clocks before entering South.

Nicholas Zawadzki, sophomore, passes the cafeteria. "I liked the new clocks because you didn't have to stop and think about what time it was," Nicholas said.



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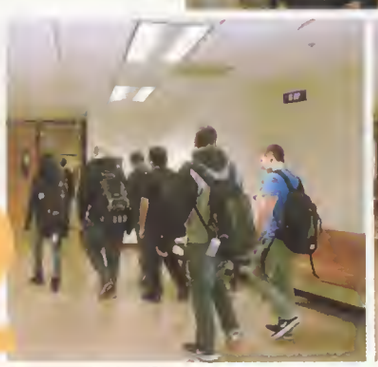
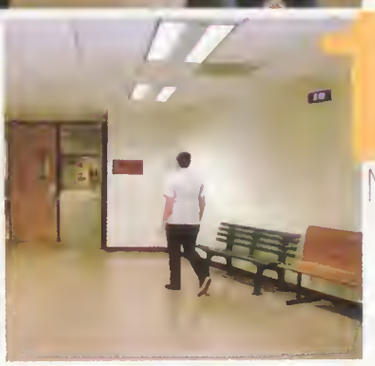




1 MINUTE

2 MINUTES

STUDY STATS

With a full hour of optional study hall, students used their time in a variety of ways

- SLEPT: 8%
- PLAYED GAMES: 11%
- LISTENED TO MUSIC: 25%
- WORKED ON HOMEWORK: 63%

Source: First and sixth hour study hall surveys from Jan. 27

IN GOOD TIME

Students wait in guidance to get their schedules fixed

Peter Faturous (A-F)
>Wait time: 30 min
>Longest fix: 20 min
>Shortest fix: 5 min

Sharon Vail (L-R)
>Wait time: 30 min
>Longest fix: 25 min
>Shortest fix: 5 min

Peter Gregory (F-K)
>Wait time: 35 min
>Longest fix: 20 min
>Shortest fix: 5 min

Jessica Sanchez (R-Z)
>Wait time: 35 min
>Longest fix: 25 min
>Shortest fix: 2 min

Source: Guidance Department

▲ WAIT YOUR TURN Slouching in their chairs, Dayna Van Woert, senior, freshman Lysette Garcia and seniors Colleen Kifer, senior, sit in the Guidance Department waiting to see her counselor. "I waited the first day of second semester for maybe 20 minutes and ended up getting the class I really wanted," Colleen said. "The whole experience was pretty painless."

▶ AT THEIR TABLE, freshmen Adam Eickleberry, Michael Madura and Thomas Beckman eat their breakfast style lunch menu option. "There was a lot more people second semester," Mike said. "It was worse, the lines were longer."

▶ FLOWER PEN IN HAND, Armani Chavolla, freshman, fills out a purple Guidance Department appointment sheet. "I originally wanted to drop out of drawing so I could take Speech since it's required," Armani said. "I guess it's fine now that I actually tried my schedule and Im glad I took Drawing."

▶ RECEIVING HER FIST BUMP, Skylar Lolkema, senior, greets Mr. William Melby, Dean of Students, in the morning. "He was definitely the best administrator I've had throughout my entire 18 years of school," Skylar said. "He really knew how to relate to the students."

GETTING IN LINE

The new period added an additional AP class, such as the first for freshmen

With the seventh period students had additional class options, such as the first AP class for freshmen, AP Human Geography, taught by Mr. Josh Herold. The under and upperclassmen views of the class varied, according to Alyse Dittrich, senior.

"For seniors, we were already exposed to some of the stuff we learned because of other classes," Alyse said. "The freshmen were suprised by the work load, but once they got used to it they realized it was good preparation for the rest of their high school career."

The opportunity for freshmen to take their first AP class encouraged many to signed up, according to Perima Shah, freshman.

"I was slightly overwhelmed by the concept of being in an AP class, because I'd heard how demanding such classes could be," Perima said. "The first unit we did made it seem like the class was going to consist of excessive amounts of work, but I had been looking forward to the challenge, and I was really glad I stuck with it. I thought one of the biggest factors that pulled me in, as well as many other freshmen, was the fact that it was the only AP class offered to freshmen. It seemed like a great challenge, and an awesome opportunity."

▶ HUGE CHANGE With upperclassmen Jim Foster, senior, and juniors Catherine Tavitas and Jacob Opat already finished with their homework, Hunter Ward, freshman, remains as the only one in the row to finish his assignment in AP Human Geography. "I took it because of my love for geographical features, maps, and history," Hunter said. "It was challenging, but I got used to it."

THREE'S A CROWD

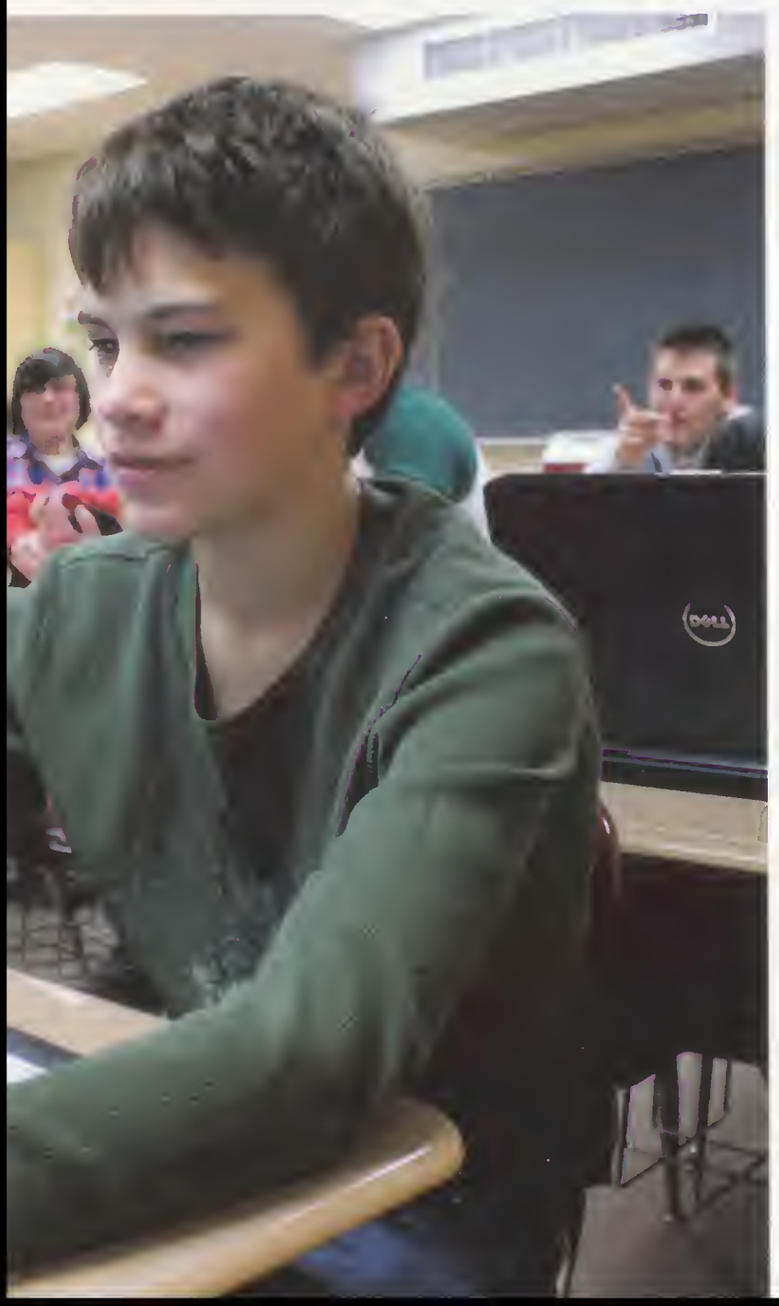
As a consequence of study hall no longer being a factor in schedule blocks, the lunch periods were cut from four to three. During first semester, both A and B lunch had 100 more students than C lunch. In an attempt to even out the lunches second semester, some teachers switched into C lunch. "First semester C lunch was alright because it wasn't crowded," Lydia Zheng, sophomore, said. "I liked C lunch second semester more, because even though it was really crowded, I had a lot of my friends come into my lunch."

CONFLICTING SCHEDULE

Waiting for her schedule to be fixed, Ashley Talesky, senior, watches a crowd of students go to their next hour from her seat outside of the Guidance Department. Ashley waited three days with some of her fellow students. "The first week of school was a rush in Guidance, all of the changes with our schedule added more stress," Ashley said. "Considering all the students who had problems with their schedules, the counselors did a good job of getting everything resolved."

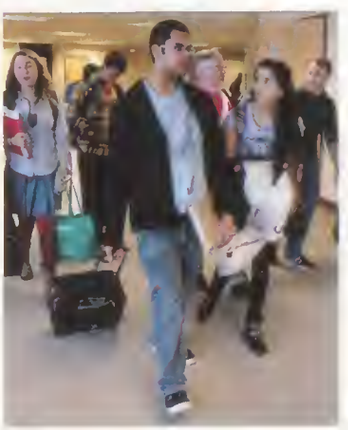
PUMPED UP MORNING

Entering the lobby, Claire Svoboda, sophomore, is greeted by Mr. William Melby, Dean of Students, with a cheerful "Good morning." "I've gotten Mr. Melby's fist pound every morning since he started," Claire said. As a result of Michael Wells's promotion to principal, a dean position opened up for Mr. Melby, Munster alumnus, to join the staff. "When this opened up it seemed like the right thing to do," Mr. Melby said. "We have a great school with great students."



WEIGHING IN

Students discussed how the extra class period added to their backpack weight



70.86%
Of students believe their backpack is too heavy

63.87%
Of students say they have books that do not fit in their backpack

57.09%
Of students say their parents worry about their backpack weight

Source: Crier survey of 501 students from Oct. 6

▲ THEY SEE ME ROLLING Leaving debate practice, Jai Dharla, junior, talks to Jessica Layous, junior, as he uses his roller backpack to accommodate his thirty pounds of books. "There were a few reasons why I had a roller book bag," Jai said. "First, my original backpack's strap tore with the weight and this was the only backpack at home. Also, it didn't put as much of a strain on my back."

GO WITH THE FLOW

Breakdown of how the change in State standards effected the school's standards

Indiana changes class requirements for classes 2016 and beyond > Addition of a seventh period so students can easily fit all classes > The seventh period brings additional class options for students > Freshmen can take their first AP class, AP Human Geography

Source: Guidance Department

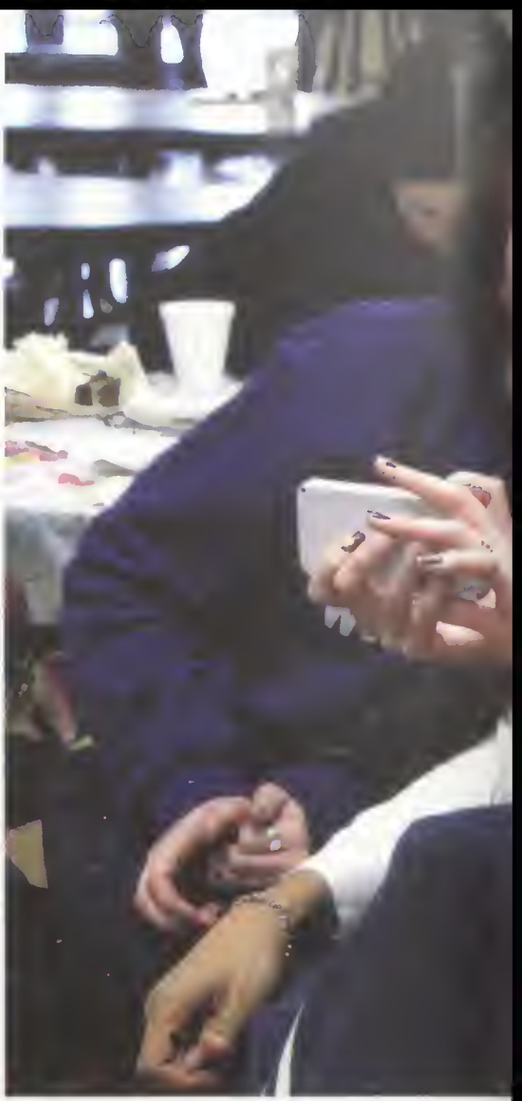
VERSACE, VERSACE, VERSACE

The common perception of Munster students is that we all dress to the nines from expensive stores , according to Stevan Djuric, junior. "I spent close to $300 when shopping at my favorite places," Stevan said. "Oakbrook and Michigan Avenue are my favorite." Malls that have more high end stores help Munster students like Priscilla Rivera, junior, get their fix. Priscilla shops at least twice every two weeks and spends around $350 each time.

SMARTY PANTS

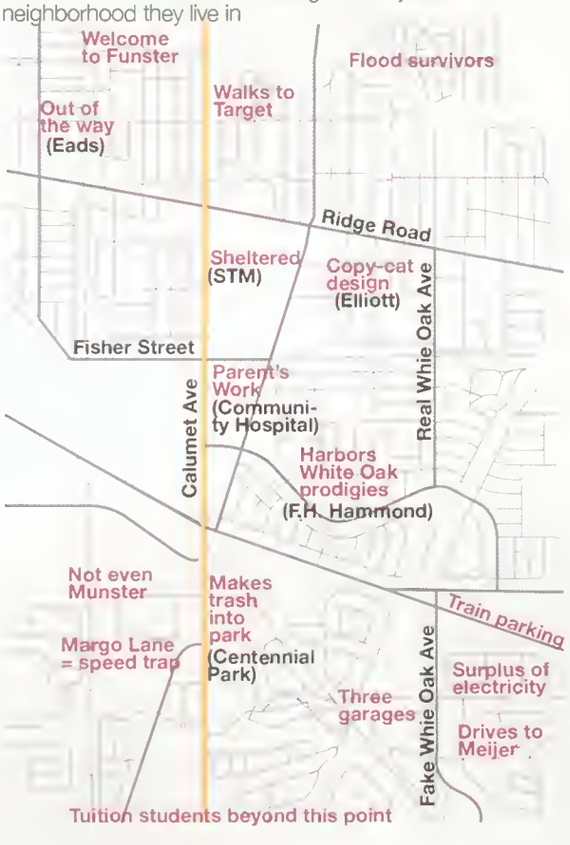
Good behavior, extracurricular activities and amazing grades. The "Munster standards" are high, Harsh Jhaveri, sophomore, looked to surpass the standard by testing out of Algebra II to study Pre-Calculus instead. "It's due to a cold cut mentality that I had," Harsh said. "At heart, I considered myself a perfectionist, so you succeeded with flying colors or you failed. There was no other option. It's a thirst for winning that I have, and besides self-satisfaction, winning is always the best opportunity to prove the doubters wrong."

▶ BEAUTY GURU, Ashley Hwang, senior, not only does makeup on herself, but also on her friends for dances and other events. "I know a lot of people are like, 'You're putting makeup on to impress other people,' but I do it for the art of it," Ashley said. "It makes me happy seeing other girls look pretty and get all dressed up for dances." ▶ SITTING IN CALCULUS BC, Kevin Fuhs, junior, talks to his fellow classmates. "To be a part of the academic elite at Munster meant that I can do whatever I put my mind to," Kevin said.



SPOTTED: MAPPING OUT FUNSTER

Munster students are often categorized by the neighborhood they live in



DECODING THE LETTERMAN

A break down of what sports gave out the most letters to players

▲ DOWN MEMORY LANE On their way out of school, seniors Rathnam Venkat and Eashan Kumar and Dan Green, junior, show off their Munster pride by wearing their lettermens. "It (lettermen) represents my pride in Munster High School and every thing my experience has given me," Rathnam said.

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36 Football

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22 Boys' Soccer

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19 Girls' Soccer

FROM THE OUTSIDE

While most thought of selfies as narsassitic, Munster believed they symbolized some of their best

Did you get your morning Starbucks? Selfie. Are you having a good hair day? Selfie. Are you eating ice cream? Selfie. The 2013 Oxford Dictionary's Word of the Year, selfie, came upon our teenage world back in 2002 when a boy in Australia made an accidental social media post creating the word. It was then combined with the hashtag from Flickr and from then on nothing could stop the #selfie.

Selfies often symbolize narcissism, which is just what some people might think about Munster High School.

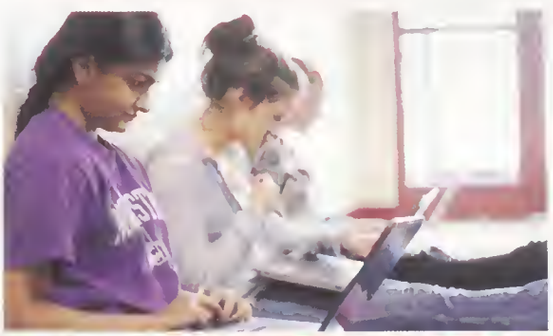
"Selfies always seem to display self-centeredness," Alex Sotiropoulos, junior, said. "In a way it does symbolize some of the selfish characteristics of Munster. It may seem silly but in the long run it does help improve self-esteem."

Although they are a symbol of narcissism, selfies also represent our accomplishments .

◀ POSING FOR THE CAMERA, seniors Hannah Fischer and Justin Rios and Allison Levin, junior, prepare to take a selfie together during the Best Buddies holiday party. "Justin suggested we take some selfies. So we did different faces in our selfies such as a scared face and a happy face, just having fun," Hannah said.

HOW URBAN DICTIONARY DEFINES MUNSTER

Everyone had their own view on what Munster was, then there was Urban Dictionary who put forth their opinion



MUNSTER: [muhn-ster]

noun, city in Northwest Indiana

The high school for kids in Munster, Indiana. This school is full of rich snobby prudes that look down on anybody not from their town. If you don't drive a Mercedes, BMW, or Audi, then it will be hard to be accepted here. If you do not live in a nice house that is either brand new or old but renovated to look wealthy, you will not be accepted here. If you don't shop at Orland Square instead of Southlake, you will not be accepted here. If you're not Asian, Indian, or White, you may not be accepted here. If you are not in 100% AP or Dual-credit courses, you may not be accepted. If you do not have the only aquatic center in any high school in the state, you will not be accepted here.

Source: urbandictionary.com

COUNTING OUR CARS

Comparing average prices of the typical cars in the school parking lot

▲ ALL CHARGED UP Revati Kalluri, junior, and her peers sit in the hallway and do their work on their laptops. "I have developed more of a sense of responsibility because of charging the laptop and bringing it to school everyday. But it is also easier to become distracted because of the Internet and etcetera." Revati said. ▲ DRESSED AND READY FOR SUCCESS Chloe Zatorski, sophomore, and Nia Clark, junior, pose for photos after winning first place at their speech meet in Illinois. "Thinking of how important the story behind my piece is, and how much time I've put into developing it pushes me to want to win," Chloe said. ▲ RIDIN' SOLO Siddarth Singh, senior, gets into his BMW after school. "My car kind of represented my achievements here at Munster," Sid said.

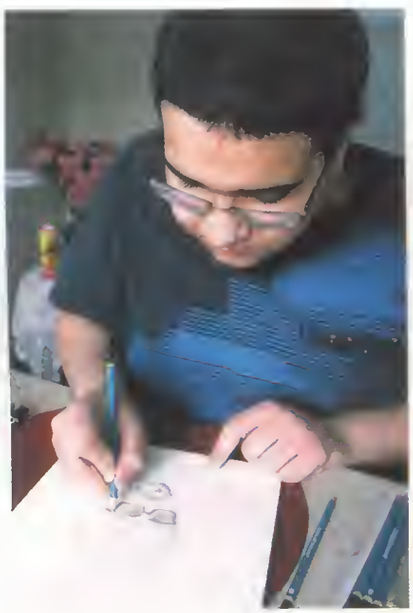
WHAT DO YOU THINK?

Given the stereotype, many students had different opinions on what described Munster

Source: Survey of 330 students taken on Jan. 16, 2014

▼ DOWN TIME Drawing in his free time, Amer Abasi, junior, takes a break from homework. While many students had a passion for their studies or extracuriculars, some dedicated their time to drawing. "Drawing is enjoyable to me," Amer said. "It's something for me to do in my free time. I just drew a lot and got better with time."

▼ MOVING FORWARD Stepping into his electric red Ford, Casey Terry, junior, prepares to leave school. While many students had most up-to-date models for cars, Casey didn't mind driving in his 1994 Ford Aspire. "This was the car that I was given," Casey said. "It ran really well."



UP ALL NIGHT

Struggling to keep her eyes open, **Taylor Merkel**, junior, fights her tiredness to finish the last of her AP Literature essay and final studying for her AP Chemistry test. Between swimming, Science Olympiad and five advanced classes, Taylor prioritized her time."Part of what motivates me to do my best in school is that a lot of people in my family are really intelligent but didn't make the best of it during school," Taylor said. "So, I try not to waste that intelligence."

GIVING BACK

Many students spend their time with friends or working, but **Cassidy Schwartz**, senior, combines them by giving back. Cassidy and other students organized the 2013 Child Rights and You (CRY) walk which raised money to improve the quality of life for children in India. "The ability to impact the lives of people thousands of miles away is incredibly fulfilling," Cassidy said. "I think it is important to raise awareness in our community about international issues, so that we can share the good fortune that we experience in the United States."

IT WAS 99 CENTS

Students like **Annilee Taylor**, senior, shop to find greatness in what's old rather than shopping for the newest trends. She might uncover a denim fanny pack, books like "Microwaving for One" or nothing at all, but it's all part of thrifting."It's cool because probably no one else is going to have it," Annilee said."The satisfaction is in that I saved more money than I would if I went to the mall."

FROM THE INSIDE

While many students took things for granted, certain events in life forced them to take a step back and be grateful for what they had

As Luke Milkovich, junior, prepares to attend a Zed's Dead Concert during winter break, he smells something coming from the laundry room. When he observes what's going on, he notices steam coming from his dryer. That steam turned to smoke, and that smoke turned to flames.

Students never think that their home will catch on fire. They never think that they will have to live in a hotel room for two months. They never think they will have to give away their clothes to get them professionally cleaned. But, for Luke, that's exactly what happened.

"I never thought something like this would happen, at least I hoped it never would," Luke said. "I was just doing my normal thing and getting my clothes ready to go to a concert, so there was never a thought that something bad would happen."

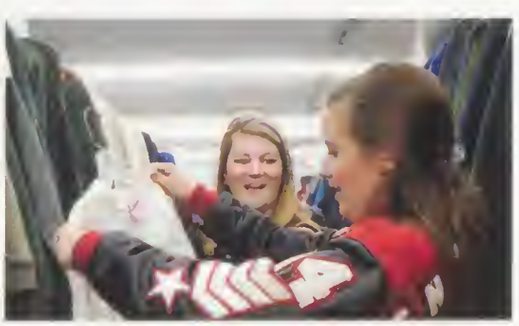
Fortunately, the fire was contained to only the laundry room, however the whole house became covered in soot.

"I was just hoping that it wouldn't be too serious because it was completely out of my control," Luke said. "It was hard to sit there and watch something bad happen while waiting for somebody to come."

After the fire was extinguished, Luke and his family had to professionally clean all their belongings in their house and temporarily live in a hotel.

"Everybody can take things for granted sometimes," Luke said. "It made me realize that friends and family are more important because when things like this happen, they are the ones that are there for you, not the material things."

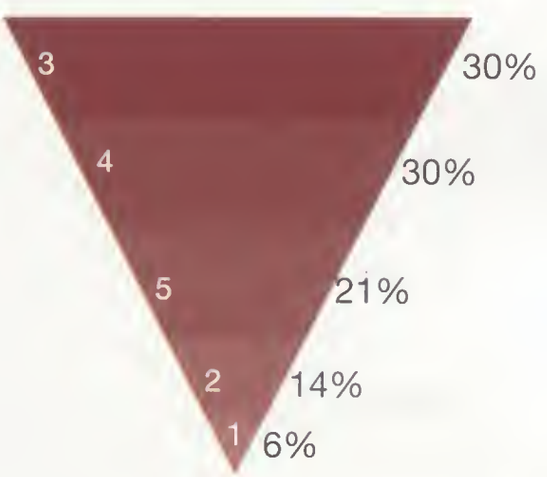
◀ BOXED IN Rummaging through his belongings, Luke Milkovich, junior, adapts to living in a hotel while still having some things left in boxes at home. "It was kind of difficult because it was hard when you didn't have anything at your house," Luke said. "I might have needed something, but it was at my house so I couldn't get it."



◀ LAUGHING ABOUT APUSH, juniors Ziyad Kraft and Charles DeCesaris take advantage of each other's notes at Panera Bread. "Study groups at Panera gave me different people's perspectives on different subjects that I might not have known the most about," Ziyad said. ▲ HIGH FIVING A JOB WELL DONE, Nathalie Kauz, senior, and Cassidy Shwartz, senior, participate in the Child's Rights for You (CRY) walk which they organized. "Both Cassidy and I have been interested in international affairs and current events, so being able to make a global impact within the community was something we wanted to do," Nathalie said. ▲ WHILE THRIFT SHOPPING, seniors Emily McNicholas and Annilee Taylor look for clothes at a discounted price. "If I found something insane or outrageous, I usually just laughed about it," Annilee said. "There are some crazy things in thrift stores that people obviously got rid of for a reason, and then it just ends up making a good story to tell. I feel really accomplished knowing that I'll have something in my closet that no one else will have."

AP STATS

Out of 621 AP exams, the 298 students who participated earned various scores



Source: Mr. Robert Snyder, Assistant Principal

We fist bumped Mr. Melby on our way to first hour. Getting through AP Biology wouldn't have been a big deal if we didn't have six periods afterwards. It was hard, but it was the routine we followed.

Whether it was six tests in a row or randomly getting a substitute teacher instead of a quiz, the little moments in our daily routines could make or break our day.

Every thing we went through united us in the common experience of our routine. While our schedule dictated where we went, what we learned and who we were with, it was little moments within our schedule that became the things we remembered about high school.

Was the kid siting next to us just as excited about acing his Civil War test, or was that the thing to ruin his week? Was the person in hall upset because she pulled an all-nighter for an English 11 research paper, or because the homemade pizza was sold out?

Each one of us took our routine and transformed it into our own unique experience. That piece of paper we got at the start of each year determined more than what classes we went to each day. It set us up for what high school meant to us. Each day was

MORE THAN ROUTINE

◀ SHARK BAIT Navigating his remote control shark during A Lunch, Mr. Larry Hautzinger, science teacher, advertises for the Project Bio trip to Florida. "We normally didn't fundraise, but the price of the ticket jumped," Mr. Hautzinger said. "It was important we went anyway because the trip brought the kids to nature."

ABBEY WAGNER, sophomore

Wake Up: 6:30 a.m.
Easiest Class: Fourth Hour, Study Hall
Moderate Class: Sixth Hour, Chemistry
Hardest Class: Seventh Hour, Spanish III
Activities: Best Buddies,Track and Piano
Gets Home: 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Dinner Time: 6:30 p.m.
Starts Homework: 5:30 p.m.
Time Spent on Homework: Varies
Bedtime: 10:30 p.m.

▶ INSIDE S112, Abbey Wagner, sophomore, writes down the ideas discussed from a Best Buddies Officer meeting. "I liked being in Best Buddies because I thought all the activities and events we planned were really great and it gave us the opportunity to develop a lot of friendships," Abbey said. ▶ MIXING THE CHOCOLATE AND PEANUT BUTTER, Conor Taylor, junior, and his buddy Joe Hemingway make puppy chow. Best Buddies officers such as Conor and Abbey Wagner, sophomore, helped to plan these events. "I thought the officers put in work so that everyone could enjoy the time (of events) to the fullest extent," Conor said.

GUESS THE GRADE

Take the quiz and find out each student's perspective of what they believed made up their grade's schedule

1. "Most of the class was in as many AP classes as they could handle. It was like someone put a rock on the gas petal and we were not taking it off."
2. "It was harder than the previous year, but at the same time I felt like next year I would wish I was in this grade."
3. "Homework and studying ranged half hour to one hour."
4. "This year was not as competitive as others, but it was not as laid back as senior year, because you still had college to think about. It was just fun."

A. Patrick Wu, freshman
B. Lydia Zheng, sophomore
C. Kelly Mundy, junior
D. Jack Arnold, senior

Answers: 1 - C 2 - B 3 - D 4 - A

▶ ON HIS COUCH, Sidd Divakaruni, junior, practices graphing his trigonometry functions. Once he completed his trigonometry, Sidd tried his best to stay alert and complete other homework. "I drank black tea, nothing else worked," Sidd said. "I just needed black tea." ▶ TAKING NOTES, Sidd Divakaruni, junior, studies for his Quick Serve Resaurant Managent DECA event. "I liked to be involved and be busy so I felt a sense of accomplishment," Sidd said.

ALEX COCCIA, senior

Wake Up: 7:00 a.m.
Easiest Class: Sixth Hour, Study Hall
Moderate: Third Hour, Adult Roles and Responsibilities
Hardest: Fifth Hour, AP Calculus AB
Activities: Baseball
Arrives Home: 4:10 p.m.
Dinner Time: 7:00 p.m.
Starts Homework: 6:00 p.m.
Time Spent on Homework: 45 minutes
Bedtime: 11:00 p.m.

◀ WORK OUT Using the dual adjustable pulley Alex Coccia, senior, attends baseball conditioning. "I liked the pre-season because you got stronger for the season and you were less likely to get hurt," Alex said. "You could also start getting together as a team and build chemistry."

▲ ACTIVELY LISTENING, Kayleigh Yaeger, freshman, writes notes about the DNA structure. "I loved Honors Bio. because I got to learn more about biology," Kayleigh said. "The homework was not too bad." ▲ STRETCHING HER HAMSTRING Kayleigh Yaeger, freshman, attends track conditioning. "I wanted to do track," Kayleigh said. "I've always wanted to try it and I couldn't because of middle school soccer. It really didn't interfere with my school, but it did on Wednesdays because I had soccer practice."

KAYLEIGH YAEGER, freshman

Wake Up: 5:40 a.m.
Easiest Class: Seventh Hour, Introduction to 2D Art
Moderate: Sixth Hour, English 9
Hardest: Fourth Hour, Honors Biology
Activities: Track and Soccer
Gets Home: 5:00 p.m.
Dinner Time: 5:30 p.m.
Starts Homework: 6:00 p.m.
Time Spent on Homework: 3 Hours
Bedtime: 10:30 p.m.

TYPICAL ROUTINE

From lifting weights to studying Japanese, students found various ways to stay active in their daily routine

As first semester brings the end of the debate season, Saveda Majety, freshman, takes a month off, and then puts on her sneakers and prepares for track season. Saveda enjoyed how the lighter work load of freshman year enabled her to do multiple activities.

"Being a freshman, I definitely didn't take a lot of hard classes because a lot were not available, so studying was to a minimum," Saveda said. "It seemed to me that juniors and sophomores that were in a lot of clubs and classes did study a lot, and they didn't have a lot of free time for themselves."

Aditya Mishra, sophomore, kept multiple clubs and classes as part of his routine.

"Sometimes it was hard to catch up on school work," Aditya said. "Activities changed the shape of how people lived their daily lives. Between the different activities, it was hard to manage time."

SIDD DIVAKARUNI, junior

Wake Up: 6:00 - 7:00 a.m.
Easiest Class: Second Hour, Study Hall
Moderate: Sixth Hour, Advanced French V
Hardest: Third Hour, AP Chemistry
Activities: Academic Superbowl; CEC; DECA; French Club; German, Spanish and Japanese Classes; HUM; Piano; and Volunteering
Arrives Home: 4:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Dinner Time: 8:00 - 10: 00 p.m.
Starts Homework: 4:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Time Spent on Homework: Too much
Bedtime: 12:00 - 4:30 a.m.

TEAM NO SLEEP

Depending on the amount of homework they received, students stayed up throughout the night to complete their work

10 PM: After a long day of school, Brigid Mcginty, sophomore, finally reaches home after competing in a swim meet. "When I know that I have a meet coming up, I usually try to plan ahead and finish my homework in the time a teacher gives at the end of the period for students to socialize," Brigid said. "That way I finish most of my homework before the practice or the meet."

12 AM: To deal with the stress of school and extracurriculars, Catherine Tavitas, junior, bakes some cookies while studying for her U.S. History test. "I usually baked around 12 in the morning," Catherine said. "It took the ease off of studying."

2 AM: Blaring The Wombats in her room, Julia Torres, sophomore, listens to music to help herself stay awake.

"I like to listen to energetic music to keep me awake when I'm working so I don't get bored and tired," Julia said.

4 AM: With a long way to go, Emily Bochnowski, senior, keeps working on her AP Composition paper due the next day.

"(I usually drink) Red Bull or other energy drinks," Emily said. "Sometimes I'll take a shower or something to wake myself up."

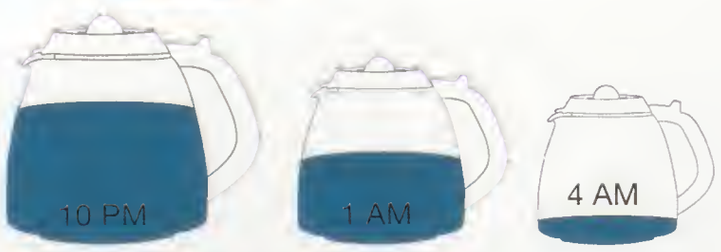
6 AM: After staying up the entire night, Briana Crowe, junior, finishes reading 20 pages for AP U.S. History and begins getting ready for the upcoming day.

"There's a point where I'm like I don't want to do this anymore, but then I think I'll be thanking myself at the end of the semester when I won't be seeing any B's," Briana said. "I don't like B's, like I hate seeing B's."

AROUND THE CLOCK

With different homework loads, students received different amounts of sleep on average and consumed more coffee throughout the night

- 0-2 hours: 3%
- 3-4 hours: 9%
- 5-6 hours: 48%
- 7-8 hours: 36%
- 9+ hours: 4%



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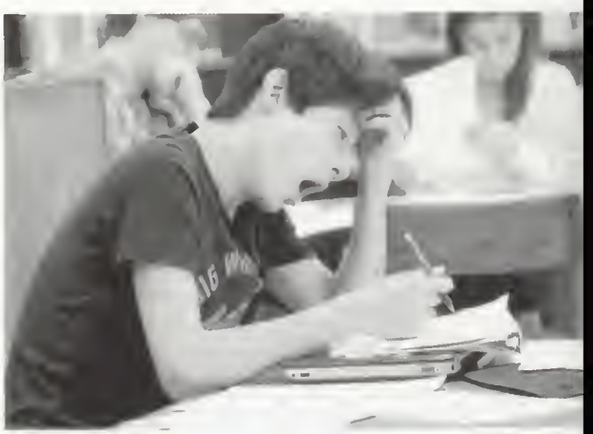


BETWEEN THE BELLS

Throughout the day, students found different areas in the school to complete homework

▲ YAWNING WHILE WORKING, Patrick Wu, freshman, works in the library. "It (the library) was quieter, and I just like the environment," Patrick said. ▶ PENCIL IN HAND, Heather Hemingway, senior, finishes an assignment for Project Lead the Way. "I had a full load of homework every night, and coming home from swim practice exhausted didn't help me finish all my homework," Heather said. "So, I leave some for lunch time, when I was more awake and focused." ▶ IN THE COMMONS, Natasha Jones, sophomore, works on a sketch. "The commons were just better for peace and quiet," Natasha said. "Sometimes I would work on homework in the commons if was due for my next class."

◀ TAKING A NAP IN CLASS, Leksi Gasich, senior, tries to get some rest after a long night of homework. "I usually sleep an average amount in class," Leksi said. "I just let myself fall asleep because I need it." ◀ WHILE BAKING COOKIES, Catherine Tavitas, junior, studies for her U.S. History test. "It (baking) helped because I could take my mind off of my homework for a little bit," Catherine said. "It took the pressure off of studying." ▼ IN ORDER TO PREPARE for We the People State, seniors Jeremy Benedek and Demetrio Ornelas partake in a study group at a friend's house. "I felt that going to (junior) Elena (Piech's) was important for getting to know the team better and just plain being around the people I am going to be competing with."

>WEAPONS OF MASS DISTRACTION

Many students found themselves distracted by smartphone apps while trying to complete homework

17% 9%

10% 20%

11% 6%

19% OTHER 8%

Source: Survey of 295 students conducted on Jan. 31, 2014

>LATE NIGHT THOUGHTS

While trying to stay awake to complete homework, students took to Twitter

Emily McNicholas @emmcnick
Sleep never assigned me a 2000 word essay.
12:14 AM • 12 Dec 13

alissakowalski @missy_alissy
whats sleep 😐
2:10 AM • 5 Jan 14

prabhneet @fruityprabbles
I love/hate that everyone's asleep right now. Like I know I can focus better and get work done but I'm also extremely bored.
1:17 AM • 8 Jan 14

~Bambi~ @ObradovicDanica
Finally getting more than 4 hours of sleep tonight and I couldn't be happier #zzzzz
8:37 PM • 11 Dec 13

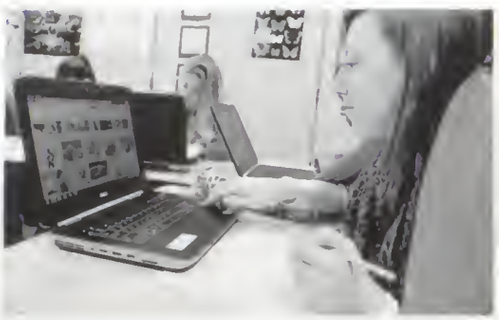
Sources: Seniors Emily McNicholas, Alissa Kowalski and Danica Obradovic and Prabhneet Girn, junior

▶ **PENCIL IN HAND,** Mike Yoniles, freshman, takes a vocab test during Mrs. Lemon's second-hour Honors English 9 class. ▼ **BOOK OPEN BESIDE HIM,** Ian Clark, senior, concentrates while completing a chapter-review packet before beginning improvised speeches. ▼ **FLIPPING THROUGH HER WORKBOOK,** Safa Chowdhury, freshman, works on assignment during fourth hour. ▼ **WITH NO ONE TO OCCUPY IT,** the front-row seat in Mrs. Lemon's fifth-hour Speech class remains empty while Breann Ward, freshman, is absent for a Debate field trip.

HOW LOW CAN YOU GO

Students often experienced low temperatures throughout the school day

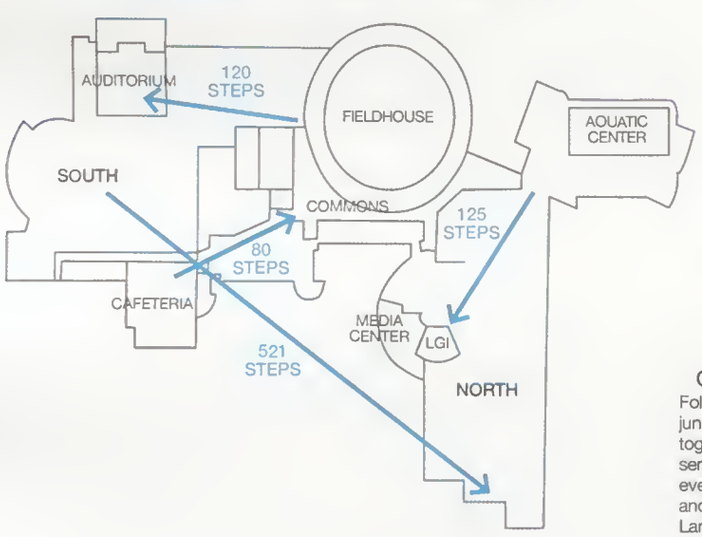
66°F	67°F	65°F
DAUGHERTY N130	PFLUM S125	FORTNER N190



▲ **COMFY COZY** Bundled up in one of English teacher Mrs. Daugherty's classroom blankets, Haley Moles, senior, draws a baby seal for a friend. "Mrs. Daugherty's room got freezing cold all the time," Haley said. "Because she's such a wonderful person, she has a classroom supply of blankets for us to wear during class."

STEP BY STEP

As students trekked from class to class, their steps added up



HOW DID THAT GET HERE?

Upon careful observation, a variety of knick-knacks and collectibles could be found around the school

PIKA
Brought back by Ms. Shonna Siegers, science teacher, from the visitor center at Mt. Rainier National Park

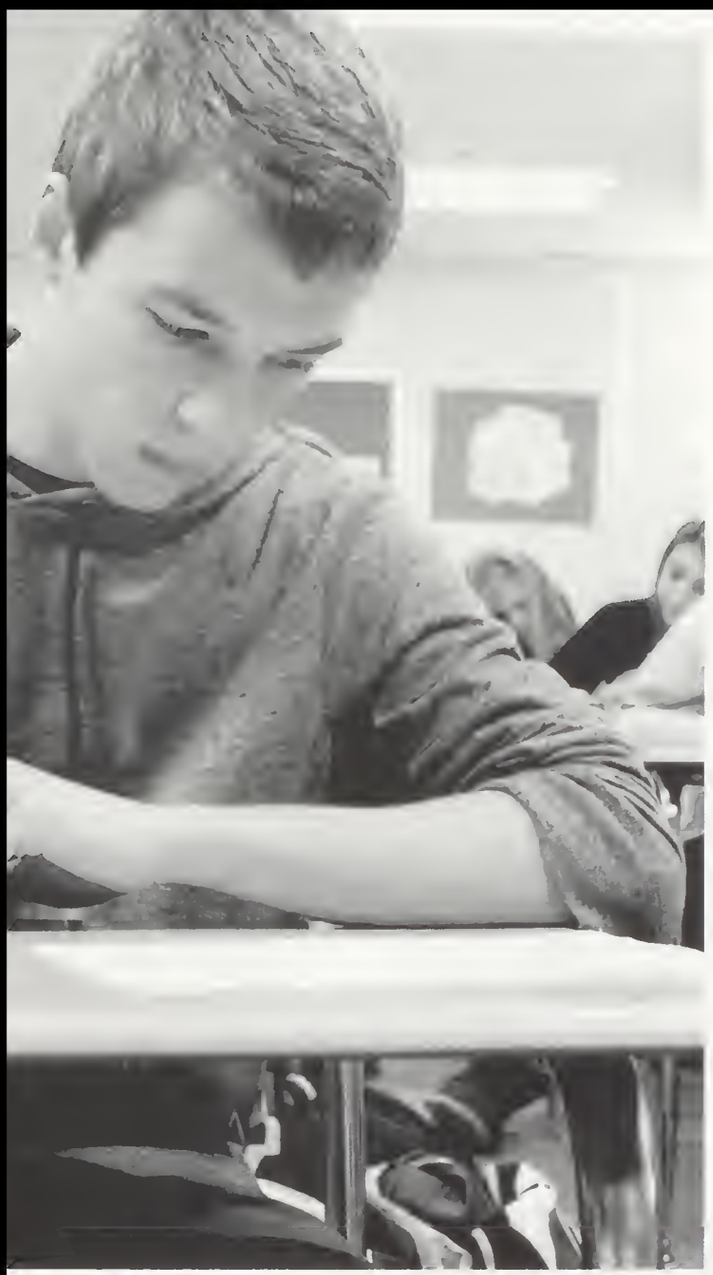
STARRY NIGHT
Painted as four separate pieces and later joined together by student artists Ryan S. Swing, Victoria Beliakova, Christina Burke and Daniel E. Witkus in 2003

ORIGAMI CREATURES
Folded by Pepper Muangmingsuk, junior, brother of yearbook photographer Pam Muangmingsuk, senior, over the course of three evenings while waiting to go home and found by Ms. Sarah-Anne Lanman, Publications adviser, after being hidden in the room

SPARKLY JESUS
Given to former Crier Editor-in-chief Bia Costa Lima for Secret Santa by former publications adviser Rebecca Hoyle

GOLDEN GNOME
Bought in France by Ms. Sarah-Anne Lanman, Publications Director after seeing it in a shop window across the street from her apartment

Sources: Ms. Shonna Siegers, science teacher; Ms. Sarah-Anne Lanman, Publications Director



OH, THE PLACES YOU'LL GO

From desks to classrooms, the environments students encountered affected their school-day experience

SECOND HOUR

NAME Michael Yoniles, freshman
CLASS Honors English 9
WHAT DID YOU DO IN CLASS TODAY?
I did a vocab test and created an annotated bibliography.
HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT YOUR SEAT?
It's a nice seat, but similar to every other one.

THIRD HOUR

NAME Ian Clark, senior
CLASS Speech
WHAT DID YOU DO IN CLASS TODAY?
We completed a chapter-review packet, and then gave improvised speeches over a word given to us by Mrs. Lemon.
HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT YOUR SEAT?
I disliked being in front. The teacher always called on me, and I felt I had to repeat myself to let the entire class hear me.

FOURTH HOUR

NAME Safa Chowdhury, freshman
CLASS Honors English 9
WHAT DID YOU DO IN CLASS TODAY?
We took a vocabulary quiz and started planning for a research project about the 1930s and the South.
HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT YOUR SEAT?
I liked my seat in front because it allowed me to pay attention more in class.

FIFTH HOUR

NAME Breann Ward, freshman
CLASS Speech
WHERE WERE YOU, IF NOT IN YOUR SEAT?
I was in the Media Center.
HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT YOUR SEAT?
I liked my seat because I could get a good view of what we were learning.

AFTER HOURS

After the 2:45 p.m. bell rings, the school becomes host to various extracurricular activities

▲ SITTING BESIDE EACH OTHER, freshmen J.R. Bales and Matt Kvasnica study for their Science Olympiad events. "I usually stayed after school about three times a week for two and a half hours each day to study," Matt said. ◀ ATOP A LADDER, Hannah Fischer, senior, works on the set of "Done to Death" during production week. "It was different every day," Hannah said. "Sometimes I would stay as late as the actors rehearsing or I would leave at 5 p.m. After-school work during production week included painting, designing, building and dressing sets. Those sorts of things." ◀ ARMS OUTSTRETCHED ABOVE HIM, Jake Comanse, junior, prepares to execute a reverse dive at practice. "I would typically stay from after school until 5 p.m. or 5:30 p.m.," Jake said. "I would work on my meet dives mostly." ◀ FOCUSING ON THE MAC BEFORE THEM, Cesar Camacho, senior, and Zahra Bhoy, junior, discuss potential photos. "I usually stay after at least two or three days a week for a couples of hours to work on Crier assignments or Paragon deadlines."

SHAKE, SHAKE SHAKE

From earthquakes to butterflies, students found ways to shake up their daily routines within the classroom

The tables shake and yet another house falls down, literally.

Earth Space students took part in an earthquake lab that required the construction of structures made entirely of wooden sticks. Once completed, the structures were placed on a fake tectonic plate and shaken back and forth, simulating an earthquake.

"The houses needed to be very earthquake proof," Casey Boelt, junior, said. "It was such a challenge and you really needed to think it through."

Mrs. Cara Germann, science teacher, is a new teacher at Munster this year but still finds ways to keep the students entertained and learning.

"I think the only reason the class was fun was because of Mrs. Germann," Casey said. "She gave us really creative projects and she was really hyper, so she got the class energized and involved."

During the simulation, the students watched the structure they had spent time building shatter under the powerful force of the earthquake.

"Overall, it was a really fun project," Casey said.

Earth Space is a year course, which entails one semester of Earth studies, such as weather and the environment, and the other of space studies including stars and the planetary alignment.

"My favorite chapter is the one we are currently on: stars," Casey said. "I enjoy learning how long it takes for stars to die and how bright and hot they are, Casey said."

While some students may be history or English prone, all the students in this course find a common ground with unlimited curiosity over Earth and space.

▶ WALLS OF JERICHO Shaking the board in front of him, Tim Krajci, sophomore, simulates an earthquake during an Earth Space experiment. Students had to build structures entirely out of popsicle sticks, then test their durability. "It was really awesome that our house did not fall down" Tim said. "We were too good."

GAME PLAN

Juniors in AP U.S. History used a variety of strategies during their in-class Monopoly competition

THE ROCKEFELLER

Bought everything landed on and built as quickly as possible

Chetan Chauhan

FAILED GOLD RUSHER

Clueless until someone offered tips

Barbara Klavin

THE HESITANT NEWBIE

Second-guessed every move until finally making a decision

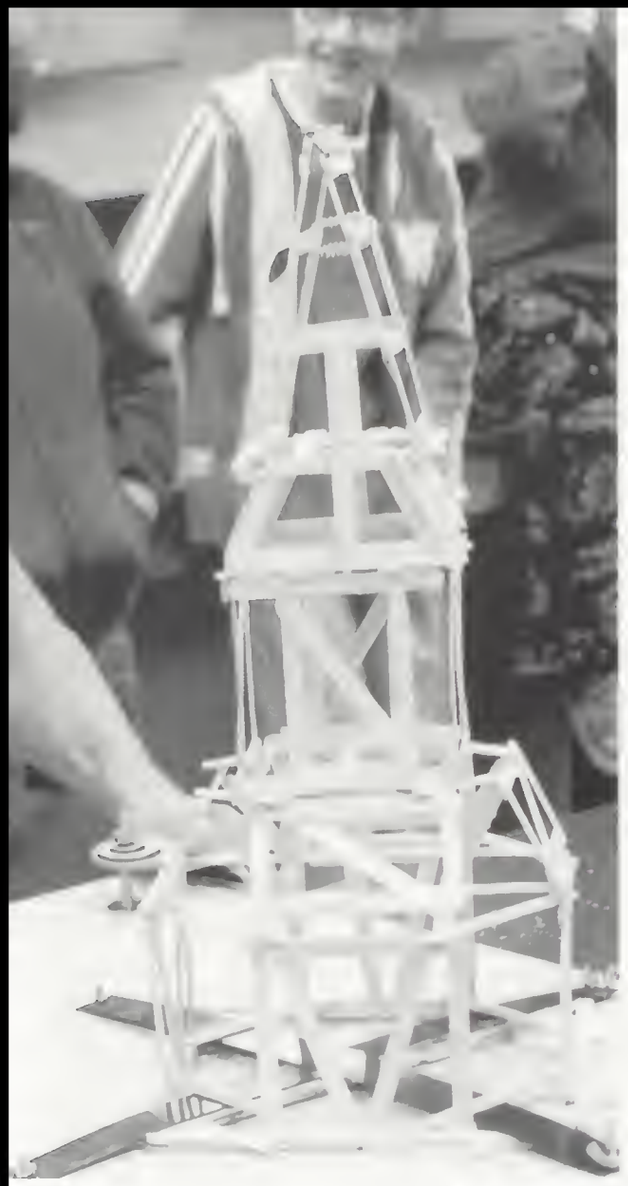
Maddy Purcell

THE CONSPICUOUS CONSUMER

Outwardly showed wealth and had an extreme amount of pride

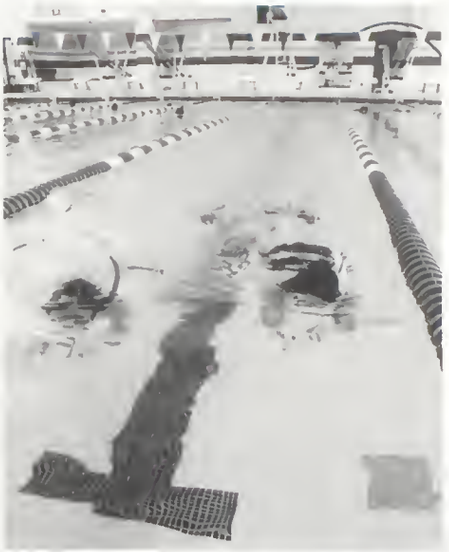
Luke Milkovich

▲ ON A ROLL Clenching his fists, Andy Chen, junior, reacts to a Monopoly move. Students in U.S. History classes engaged in a competitive game of Monopoly to demonstrate the second Industrial Revolution. "I made everyone pay," Andy Chen, junior, said. "Or stole their money, that worked too."



ONE BIG CATCH

Project Bio students prepared for activities on their Florida itinerary beforehand in the Aquatic Center

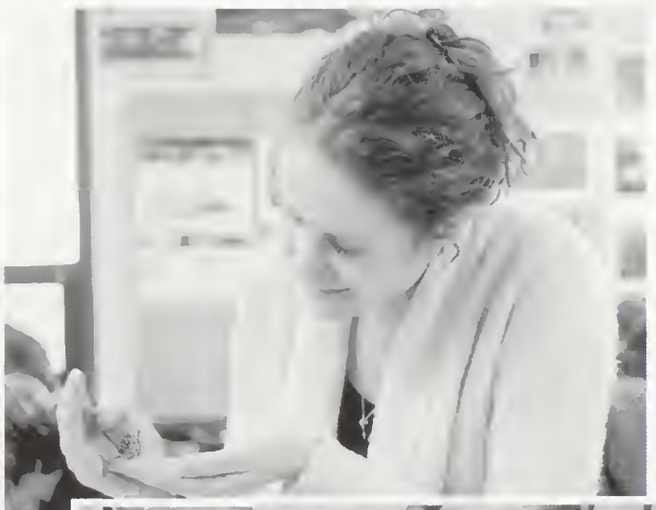


1 SET UP CAMP → 2 SNORKELING TRIP → 3 SCUBA DIVE CORAL REEF → 4 TURTLE HOSPITAL → 5 DISNEY WORLD → 6 DISNEY & FLY HOME

◀ WITH HER SNORKEL ON, Emma Witt, senior, practices scuba diving for the upcoming Spring Break trip. "I get to talk to everyone because in class we only learn, " Alex said. ▼ HOLDING HER GOGGLES, Stephanie Bulow, junior, learns how to prepare for any situation. "We were taught what do in risky situations," Stephanie said.

SPUR OF THE MOMENT

Unexpected moments during class allowed students to break away from their normal routine



◀ HOLDING THEIR MASKS IN PLACE, seniors Jessica Avina and Joe Yurek prepare to judge an in-class debate during AP Composition. Mrs. Tammy Daugherty, English teacher, had supplied the judges with the props. "I guess the masks were really only there because we are silly people," Joe said. ◀ MAKING SURE TO BE GENTLE, Ms. Shonna Siegers, science teacher, holds one of the butterflies from a lab in her hand after releasing it from its net. "We grew butterflies to show biomass transfers between the stages," Ms. Siegers said. Later on in the class period, Ms. Siegers let the butterfly fly freely around the classroom. ▼ CRAMPED BETWEEN CLASSMATES, Carly Kennedy, junior, lies on the floor during AP U.S. History in silence. "Mr. Lopez was giving us an idea about what the conditions were like on the slave ships coming from Africa," Carly said.

MORE THAN CLASS TIME

Certain classes required more than the 49 minutes between bells to get the job done

APUSH
1.5 hrs Tennis match
2 hrs Movie "Point Opportunities"
3 hrs Panera study groups
3 hrs Nightly reading assignments

WE THE PEOPLE
20 hrs Competition
6 hrs Practice
3 hrs Unit Meetings

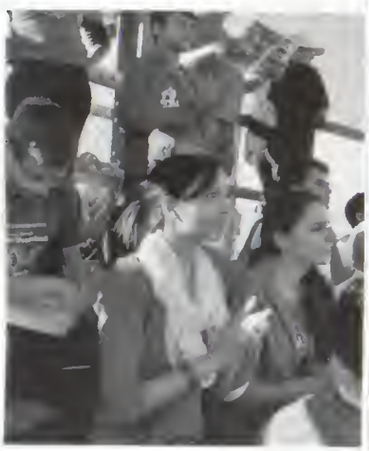
BAND
4-8 hrs Summer camps
2-8 hrs School year rehearsals
3 hrs High School Concerts
2 hrs Football games
2 hrs Spring rehearsals

CRIER
2-3 hrs After school builds
4-6 hrs Weekend builds
20 hrs Build weeks

Sources: juniors Rama Alsakaji, Vrusha Patel and Luke Milkovich; Delaney Mendez, sophomore

◀ HOLDING UP A BACKDROP, Will Hatzel, junior, works late into the night on a photo shoot for the school newspaper. "Despite all the time we spent together, Crier staff still had a lot of fun," Hatzel said.

▼ CHEERING AND STUDYING, juniors Rama Alsakaji, Jessica Layous, and Billy McDunn attend tennis matches to earn participation points for AP US History. "To keep your grade as high as possible you wanted to take every point opportunity he offered" Rama said.



▶ TROPHY IN HAND, Mia Torres, senior, cries after hearing *Paragon* announced as Best In Show at Nationals in Boston, Mass. "It was almost like an out-of-body experience," Mia said. "I felt like I was dreaming, then it hit me all of a sudden and I started bawling." ▼ LINING UP, James Bieniak, senior, and his fellow band members prepare to perform at State. "When I heard we got eighth, I had mixed emotions," James said. "I was a little upset, but mostly angry. I felt like we had our best run in the band's history and the judges crushed that achievement by making it feel less important." ▼ IN THE LIBRARY, Mr. Michael Gordon, social studies teacher, and Prabhneet Girn, junior, talk during We The People. "He (Mr. Gordon) took a lot of time outside of school to work with the We The People students," Prabhneet said. "He was one of those teachers who wanted to see you succeed and get as much out of the program as you possibly could."

CHALLENGE ACCEPTED

AP Environmental Science students took on environmental challenges each month that required effort outside of the classroom

SEPTEMBER
No Fuel Get to School

OCTOBER
Go Vegetarian Week

NOVEMBER
Eco-Friendly Bottle Month

DECEMBER /JANUARY
APES in the News

FEBRUARY
Water, Water Everywhere

MARCH
How much fuel do you use?

APRIL
National Parks Week

MAY
Air Pollution Take Down

Source: Ms. Shonna Siegers, science teacher

▶ NO CAR-BON CYCLE Riding their bikes, seniors Beckey Seligman and Alissa Kowalski take on the September eco-challenge while dressed up for Spirit Week. "I ended up choosing to ride during Spirit Week," Alissa said. "The weather was nice, and I figured I would look silly riding my bike anyway."

TIME, TRIAL AND TEARS

Students in co-curricular and advanced classes shared a bond over the dedication each one required

Other schools cheer in reaction to their rankings at the We The People state finals, but as the announcer calls Munster's name, an audible gasp rings throughout the room. While other students celebrate placing third, Munster mourns over placing second.

"Initially, I had a blank feeling (after hearing Munster's ranking)," Prabhneet Girn, junior, said. "It was complete shock and utter disbelief."

But Prabhneet had felt this before. She described the same feeling after receiving a lower ranking than expected at the marching band's state finals, her other co-curricular class. The Munster mentality of perfection had not been met, and it hurt.

"We knew how good the years before us were," Prabhneet said. "We had to uphold that standard."

Other co-curricular students felt similar pressure from their activities. Mia Torres, senior, worked as editor-in-chief of *Paragon*.

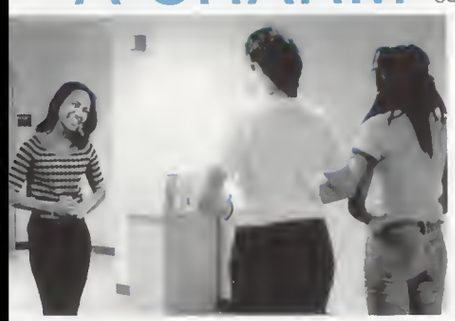
"It motivated me knowing that other people had come before me," Mia said. "Always hearing about how great It's Not What You Think (a previous yearbook) was and how well it did put me in the mind-set that pub was a legacy and that every year we were adding to its history of award-winning publications."

Mia spent upwards of 48 hours during the school week writing for and designing each page of *Paragon* to meet deadlines and have the book printed on time for sale.

"School got in the way of yearbook, but I was making the yearbook about the school," Mia said. "When you spent countless hours with people in one room for more than a year, you got to know people. You were sharing this experience that not a lot of other people got."

THIRD ACTIVITY'S A CHARM

Students participating in speech, choir and theater tended to become members of a combination of all three activities



47% of theater students participated in all three activities

51% of speech students participated in all three activities

12% of choir students participated in all three activities

Sources: Mr. William Woods, music teacher; Dr. Larry A. Brechner, Theatre Director; Mr. Jordan Mayer, Speech & Debate Director

◀ DURING A PERFORMANCE, Vivian Reba, sophomore, applies her speech skills in choir. "Both speech and choir helped me in different ways," Vivian said, "Speech helped me be more confident when I sang in our choir concerts." ◀ PLAYING THEIR PARTS, Morgan Papesh, senior, and juniors Rohan Chatterjee and Thomas Speranza take time after school to focus on theater. "I have done theater and choir at Munster," Thomas said. "I have also done speech, but I didn't do it this year because my schedule was already full and I couldn't commit the time to it." ◀ MIMICKING HER MOVEMENTS, Vivian Reba, sophomore, and Nia Clark, junior, take acting instruction from Zaria Suggs, senior, for their speech piece. "I did theater in middle school and speech was a lot like acting, so it carried over," Zaria said.

HOW TO SURVIVE BAND CAMP

Marching band students needed more than their instruments in order to make it through the hot, summer practices

- SUNSCREEN
- GYM SHOES
- SUNGLASSES
- DRILL CHARTS
- WATER JUG
- PATIENCE

Source: Maria Karamichos, senior

▲ THIS ONE TIME AT BAND CAMP Playing her flute, Jenna Cappo, freshman, gets through a day at band camp. "They (the practices) were long and hot but fun because you got to spend time with friends," Jenna said.

CAN YOU USE THAT IN A SENTENCE?

In order to prepare for competition, the Spell Bowl team studied various types of words by taking practice tests

BOONDOGGLE (**boon**-dog-uh l) *noun*
work of little or no value done merely to keep or look busy

CANTANKEROUS (kan-**tang**-ker-uh s) *adj.*
disagreeable to deal with; contentious; peevish

HABERDASHER (**hab**-er-dash-er) *noun*
a retail dealer in men's furnishings, as shirts, ties, gloves, socks and hats

MEZZOTINT (**met**-soh-tint) *noun*
a method of engraving on copper or steel by burnishing

Source: 2013 Spell Bowl list and dictionary.com

▼ SPELL CHECK Taking a practice test for Spell Bowl, Arju Patel, sophomore, prepares for competition. "I only studied during the weekends," Arju said. "We also had practice during the weekdays. I've been doing it (Spell Bowl) since middle school because I've always excelled in spelling."

DOWN TO A SCIENCE

Members of Science Olympiad practiced after school and on the weekends to prepare for their events during competition

▲ WORKING TOGETHER, Harsh Jhaveri, sophomore, and Kyle Lee, junior, prepare for their Mission Possible event. "Everyone was really close," Harsh said. "We truly were a second family." ▶ WHILE ADJUSTING THE LAUNCHER ON HIS DEVICE, Alex Kirr, sophomore, attends Science Olympiad practice after school. "It was really hard to manage my time between Science Olympiad and school," Alex said. ▶ FOCUSING INTENTLY, Ajeyo De, freshman, builds a helicopter device for his event. "Other than the daily two hour practices after school, I spent numerous hours of after school time studying for my other events and thinking of design ideas," Ajeyo said.

TEACH ME HOW TO DECA

After Districts, DECA members spent their time after school fulfilling the required amount of study hours, performing role plays and taking practice tests in order to prepare for the State competition

▶ HAND POSITIONED ON THE BUZZER, seniors Josh Shalen and Calvin Sanders, Sripad Kodukula, junior and Anisha Vavilala, sophomore, compete in DECA Bowl. "My favorite part about DECA was probably all the extra activities that went along with it and all the people you could do them with," Anisha said." ▶ TAKING A PRACTICE TEST, Alex Sotiropoulos, junior, works toward completing the required amount of study hours for DECA. "I liked DECA because it allowed you to get creative and think of new ideas regarding new situations in business," Alex said. "You learned a multitude of information about business."

COMPETITION READY

Students drove themselves to participate in various clubs that involved dedicating hours after school and on weekends

While "Snow" by Red Hot Chili Peppers continues to blare throughout the space, Robotics President George Asya-Broughton, senior, uses an X-box controller to manipulate the practice bot to crush a tiny plastic action figure. Members dodge the practice bot as it continues to zoom throughout the warehouse. Some continue to build bumpers from pool noodles while others spray paint a flag for the robot. At 9474 Calumet Avenue, this is nothing out of the ordinary.

"I came here a lot," Omnya Zaman, senior, said. "I've made some of my best friends in this place. It felt special that our club had its own place to work."

Robotics members spent every day after school for six weeks in this warehouse, designing and building a robot for competition.

"It was my home away from home," George said. "I spent more time here during Robotics season than I did at home. I loved seeing all my friends and people I knew working here on a common goal."

During the six weeks, members prepared for competition by building the robot and practicing on a mock robot.

"My favorite part about the club was the build season because it was when we could exchange the most ideas," Leo Ortiz, sophomore, said. "We got to work more on a set objective which was really awesome because we got an end product in which we could see what all the hard work made."

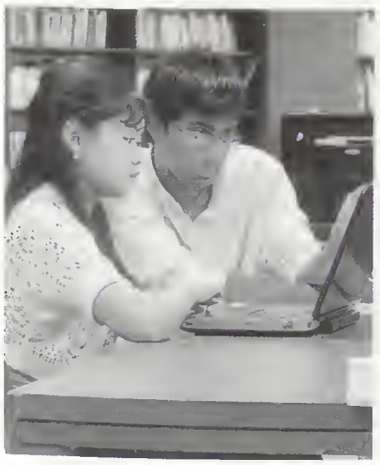
Whether they crushed action figures with robots or made bumpers out of pool noodles, members required dexterity beyond a computer screen.

"We had to know how to use the power drills, and we had to think of what a robot could do for competition," Ana Johnson, senior, said. "When people thought of us, they thought of nerds just on a computer, but it was so much more than that."

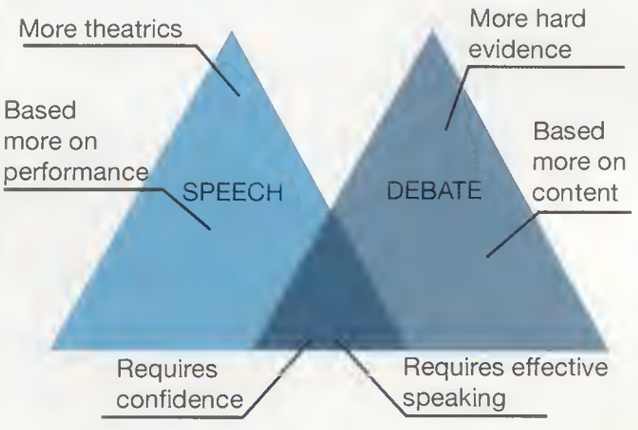
◀ DO THE ROBOT Fixing components of the practice robot, seniors Mathew Cappo and President George Asya-Broughton, senior, help their team prepare for competition. "It was definitely a good feeling to see it (the robot) working properly," George said. "I'm always a bit on edge wondering what's going to wrong first."

SPEECH VS. DEBATE

Classified as the same club, Speech and Debate held some similarities and differences



◀ DURING DEBATE PRACTICE, Allison Dinh, sophomore, receives help from her mentor Chetan Chauhan, junior. "One of the ways that debate was different from speech was that you had to think on your feet a lot," Allison said. ▲ REHEARSING THEIR DUO, Vivian Reba, sophomore, and Nia Clark, junior, relay their speech. "Our thinking styles were more different than debaters," Vivian said.



Source: Rathnam Venkat, senior

MORE THAN AVERAGE

With record-breaking temperatures and snowfall, students found different ways to occupy time on snow days

79.1 INCHES IN 2013-14
3rd snowiest season
Record Snowfall:
89.7 inches in 1978-79

TWO SNOW DAYS
January 6-7

2 HOUR DELAY
Tuesday Mar. 12
6°/-16°

NO SCHOOL
Tuesday Jan. 28
3°/-13°
Windchill: -35°
Record Low:
-82° in 1983

2 HOUR DELAY
1st in Munster history
Monday Jan. 27
6°/-16°

Source: Chicago Tribune, ABC News, Intellicast

- PLAYED OUTSIDE: 8%
- STUDIED: 7%
- PLAYED VIDEO GAMES: 16%
- SLEPT: 37%
- WATCHED NETFLIX: 32%

▶ **BUNDLE UP** Heading to her car after school, Tori Foster, junior, tries to stay warm. "Some people thought it was crazy that we were getting out of school for only cold temperatures," Tori said. "but I had a lot of trouble even seeing through the snow just within the thirty second walk to my car."

PACKIN' IT UP

With many clubs taking overnight field trips, deciding what to pack could be difficult for travellers

◀ **WAITING TO BOARD THE MINI BUS,** Nicole Heiniger, junior, carries her overnight field trip essentials. "I can't forget Jimmy," Nicole said. "He's my pillow, and he's a frog." ◀ **PACKING UP,** Peter Panos, senior, loads luggage into the mini bus before leaving for the National Association of Student Council Convention with Student Government. "It was really fun to get to talk to students from other schools," Peter said. ▲ **LOADING THE BUS,** juniors Chetan Chauhan and Charles DeCesaris prepare to leave for We the People State. "I brought a bag for my suit and a suitcase for my other clothes," Charles said.

BREAKING THE ICE

From field trips to snow days, getting a break in the every day routine could be refreshing and relaxing for many

Bundled up and sled in hand, Hannah Dempsey, junior, stands at the top of Dyer Hill, staring down at the snow before her, cold but excited. It is the Monday after winter break. Students woke up to a foot of snow, a wind chill of -35 degrees and no school. With three snow days in all of January, students found different ways to enjoy these days off.

"I went sledding for the first time," Hannah said. "It was a lot colder and bumpier than I thought it would be, but it was a lot of fun."

Due to the road conditions and subzero temperatures, however, many students had no choice but to stay inside and relax during these days.

"I just stayed home during the snow days," Jonathan Neeley, sophomore, said. "I was mostly on my phone, and I played some piano."

However, these snow days were not all fun and games. With finals the following week, some students would rather come to school and finish their tests.

"I was happy that we had two days off," Hannah said. "But I wanted to come to school and get finals over with."

Other students were happy they had this time off and used it to their advantage when studying for their finals.

"Since I had finals, I was glad I had extra time to study," Hayley Kwasniewski, junior, said. "I was so happy when we got these days off."

>MORE THAN A CLASS

Giving students the opportunity to prepare for future careers, the Hammond Area Career Center offered specialized classes

Auto Technology

Collision and Refinishing Technology

Computer Information Technology

Construction Technology

Cosmetology

Criminal Justice and Law

Culinary and Pastry Arts

Dental Assisting

Early Childhood Education

Fire and Rescue

Health Careers

Multimedia Broadcast Academy

▲ WORKING DURING A COSMETOLOGY CLASS, Tess Talabay, junior, straightens a mannequin's hair. "I practice on mannequins to perfect my skills and ways of doing hair," Tess said. "I mainly practice haircuts, braids, coloring, and styling."

◀ WELDING AWAY, Tayseer Abdelsalam, senior, works during his Industrial Maintenance class. "Working with power tools is fun," Tayseer said "It's better than book work because I like hands-on work."

>GAME TIME

During long bus rides for field trips and competitions, students found different games to entertain themselves

▲ CATCH UP While on their way the National Association of Student Council Convention with Student Government, seniors Eashan Kumar and Deeva Khatiwada play Catch Phrase to pass the time. "It was a fun game to waste our time during the three hour ride," Eashan said.

HEDBANZ

Players ask "yes" or "no" questions to try and guess what is written on their forehead

CATCH PHRASE

Players try to guess anything from idioms to actors without using the word in their descriptions

STICKS

Players tap each other's fingers in order to get the other players' hands out

20 QUESTIONS

Players ask each other twenty questions in order to figure out what another player is thinking

MUNSTER
TENNIS

Whether it was winning the regional title in the last Boys' Tennis match, breaking the school wide 500 meter free record for Girls' Swimming or making it to the first round of Football Sectionals, we proved that hard work beat talent when talent didn't work hard.

But our teams would be nothing without the fans. Whether it was spending $40 on a Superfan pass to have unlimited access to all sports home games or driving 20 minutes to Lake Central for a basketball game, we took a lot of pride in our athletics. From going to games regularly and attending an annual pep rally, we showed that we had a lot to be proud of.

There was a lot more that went into sports than just showing up to practice and playing on the field. We were not just people that played on the same team, we were friends and classmates. We took pride in what we did and would do anything to succeed. With our fans, work ethic and skill, our teams were

MORE THAN MOTIVATION

◀ READY, AIM, FIRE Aiming high, Patrick Toth, junior, completes a step in his serve. "I first started playing the sport for college apps," Toth said. "But as I started to climb to the top of the ladder, I realized that there was more to tennis than an activity you could list on a piece of paper. That was why I played and continued to play. Pride and glory were meaningless to me. What mattered was that I was playing with a group of guys that was essentially my family and their dignity and tradition was on the line. Our pride to play as a whole was to preserve the culture that our alma mater created. The test we must set for ourselves was not to march alone, but to march in such a way that others would wish to join us."

HOLDING ON

The Girls' Varsity Soccer team overcame obstacles ranging from injuries to confronting their loss at Sectionals, only to come out stronger than before

Tears stream down faces, words of encouragement whispered between teammates and the sound of the opposing team's cheering penetrate thoughts. After putting their heart into the season, into the game and into each other, the Girls' Varsity Soccer team were like a family to one another, according to Captain Sammi Koufos, senior. Through everything they went through, the girls were still together in the end.

"No matter what grade we were in, we all just got along," Koufos, said. "Normally it was just the Big Sis and Lil' Sis that were close. But it did not really matter. We all just got along like family."

Together, the team overcame many obstacles, from changes in positions to concussions. They lifted each others' spirits when they were low, when the outcome of a game was not the way they wanted it to be and when one injury held a player back.

"When you have teammates like that, it makes every practice, game, tournament and bonding session worth it," Emily Johnson, sophomore, said.

Throughout the season, the girls cried tears of joy after a victory and tears of defeat after a loss. After a season filled with tears, memories and relationships, the team ended with a 13-3-3 record.

"This season was definitely unforgettable. I felt like I was with the most talented people on the team at one point," Lexie Lyons, sophomore, said, "I would never trade a state trophy from the bonds I had with the team."

▶ GETTING THROUGH IT Tears streaming down her face after a season ending loss at Sectionals, Renee Rumas (40), senior, is comforted by teammate Alyssa Wojcik (9), senior."Every time they scored, it felt like they stabbed us in the front and the back. It was just the worst," Rumas said.

POSITION PROFILE

With each player having their own job to do, positions played a crucial role in the outcome of the game

FORWARD
9 Alyssa Wojcik
play nearest to the opposing team's goal; most responsible for scoring goals

FORWARD
#14 Ally Goodrich

MIDFIELD
#16 Jessica Flores
position between defense and forward. Some play defensive roles, while other blur the boundaries between midfielders and forwards.

DEFENSE
#19 Courtney Zunica
defends the goal

MIDFIELD
#33 Cayla Bales

STOPPER
#21 Sammi Koufos
repel attacks of opposing team

GOALIE
#20 Melanie Krueger
directly prevent the opposing team from scoring by intercepting shots at goal

▲ SPRINTING STARTERS Excited and impatient to begin the game, starting players sprint back to the sidelines together after being introduced to the crowd.

Source: Coach Valerie Pflum, math teacher

GETTING IN THE ZONE

Before each game, the girls motivated each other through different methods

▶ SURROUNDED BY HER TEAMMATES, Allyson Goodrich, senior, jumps and shouts in the middle of the team huddle to get the team pumped up before the game. "This year, especially, we were very close," Allyson Goodrich, senior, said. "It wasn't like we were the big bad seniors." ▶ SET AND READY TO GO, starting players Melanie Krueger (20), junior, Renee Rumas, senior, Cayla Bales, junior, and seniors Kailee Loughlin, Sammi Koufos, Courtney Zunica and Ixtel Carlos get ready to begin the game. "I protect the goal, serving as the deciding factor between victory and defeat," Krueger said, "It means the world to me because the position portrays my significance on the team." ▶ PREPARED TO SPRINT OFF, players fist bump their goalie, Melanie Krueger, junior, to bring excitement and confidence before a game. "This shows that my team believes in me, and if I do make mistakes, they will have by back," Alyssa Wojcik, senior, said.

PFLUM PHRASES

From the sidelines, Coach Valerie Pflum, math teacher, could often be heard shouting these phrases

"honkers"
"Practice doesn't make perfect; perfect practice makes perfect"
"do you believe?"
"keep your feet moving"
"Follow the ball"
"WAKE UP!"

Source: Renee Rumas, senior

▲ TEAM TALK After the game, tired and worn out, Captain Sammi Koufos (21), senior, and the team sat down to talk to discuss the game and give each other encouragement with Coach Valarie Pflum, math teacher. "Every game had its own memories. We were like a family and the team talks were a huge part of it," Koufos said.

◀ LEADING THE WAY From the sidelines, Coach Valarie Pflum, math teacher, gives Rachel Kalbfell, freshman, direction. "I gave them tips, showed new plays and how to adjust to them. It was normally to make sure they see the same thing you are seeing before you throw them out on the field," Coach Pflum said.

MORE TO THE STORY

After four years of defeat, Girls' Soccer stepped up to beat Crown Point

Hearts were pounding, adrenaline was rushing through their veins and the grass was slick with water droplets beneath their cleats. Goal by goal, this became the game with the biggest impact, the biggest shock wave for the Girls' Soccer team. This was the team's win against Crown Point.

"We were all pumped up, and a lot of us were shocked that we came out with three goals like that on them," Allyson Goodrich, senior, said.

For the past four years, Munster had lost to Crown Point, but that streak ended with this game. Even with winds blowing hard, rain crashing down and, eventually, lighting striking, which brought the game to an official close halfway through, the team beat their long-standing rival three-nothing.

"To beat them felt amazing. We made them seem like they didn't even know what soccer was," Brooke Newton, sophomore, said.

◀ SIMPLY EXCITED After winning the game, Lexie Lons (15), sophomore, and Cameron Kekelik (44), freshman, run to teammates screaming with excitement. "To beat Crown Point was incredible since they were number one," Lyons said.

HEAD IN THE GAME

Teammates discuss what to keep in mind during a match

▶ UP IN THE AIR, Marty O'Shaughnessy, senior, completes the final step to his serve. "When I served, first I usually looked to my doubles partner for a sign of what we wanted to do, off the first serve which usually made me pick a spot to serve to," O'Shaughnessy said. "Then I usually bounced the ball three times and got into my motion." ▼ READY TO SWING, Andrew Dorn, junior, returns a serve. "When I was playing, I tried to keep my intensity up the entire game," Dorn said. "If I showed any sign of faltering my opponent would take advantage of the game."

MORE TO THE STORY

At the sports banquet, Coach Steve Lopez, social studies teacher, shared his future coaching plans.

The season's motto, "One More," represented the fact that the year might have been the last one with Coach Steve Lopez, social studies teacher.

"Last year at the sports banquet it was heavily rumored that Coach Lopez planned to make that his last season," Captain Flynn LeMonnier, senior, said. "Suddenly in the middle of his speech he switched from past to future tense, and decided to do one more. So, it represented one more chance to leave a legacy."

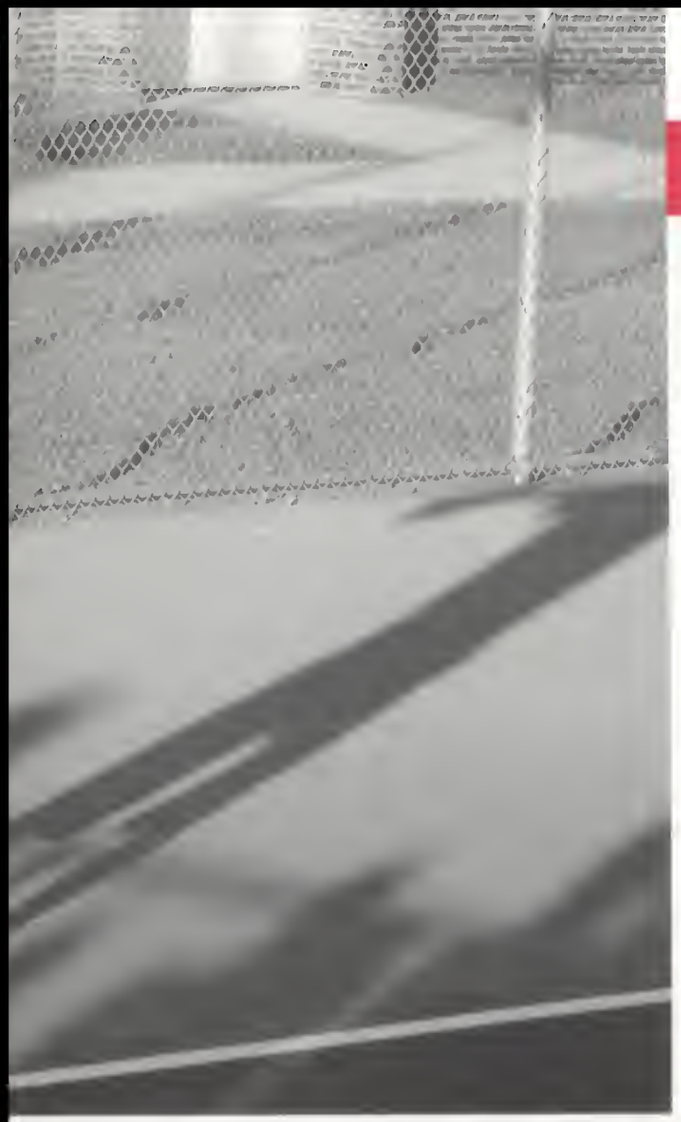
The motto impacted the team, according to Captain Marty O'Shaughnessy, senior.

"In the past, the slogan was something that Lopez picked, but this year 'One More' really meant something to everyone," O'Shaughnessy said. "Whether it was one more line or move during a conditioning series or even one more match to continue moving forward in the season, every player was able to use the slogan to motivate himself."

At the sports banquet, Coach Lopez announced how the success of this season inspired him to coach for a few more years.

"I was relieved when he announced it," Chetan Chauhan, junior, said. "It was fitting to know that he would be my coach."

▲ SAYING GOODBYE Presenting their senior gift, Steven Rakich, Colin Richter, Marty O'Shaughnessy and Flynn LeMonnier give Coach Steve Lopez, social studies teacher, a poster of pictures from the season. "We gave him a collage of pictures taken throughout the season, not just of Varsity but also JV," Rakich said. "We were all brothers and grew together because of Coach. Words could not describe how appreciative we were, so the pictures were the best way to show him."



ONE more SWING

After training all season to defeat their rival, the boys win 3-2 and once again claim the Regional Title

In order to win Regionals for the ninth year in a row, the boys needed to beat Crown Point, which ranked number one in the region.

"We as a team, had been hyping up that match since the beginning of the season," Patrick Toth, junior, said. "Every single ball that we hit during practice, every team that we defeated and every drop of sweat was directed towards Crown Point."

After facing a defeat in the regular season against Crown Point, 1-4, the team prepared more mentally, according to Captain Flynn LeMonnier, senior.

"We were a lot more focused, we weren't scared," LeMonnier said.

At Regionals, both teams were tied with two wins and two loses. Arlo Detmer, sophomore, and Toth remained as the last Munster team on the court. With the match score of 2-2, whoever won the last match, determined which team would receive the Regional Title.

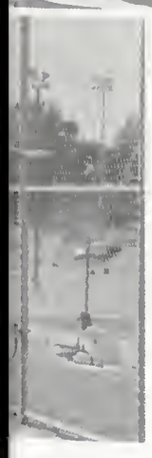
"During the match, Arlo and I had to work out the nerves," Toth said. "Unfortunately, we lost the first set, but whatever. Every set was a new slate to correct mistakes and start from scratch. We never lost focus of the goal, and while Crown Point dwelled on previous successes, we took the initiative and surprised them for the winning of the second set."

With that momentum, the doubles team won their match when Crown Point faulted on a serve. Munster won Regionals.

"It was a great moment, the whole teams from Munster and Crown Point were watching," Detmer said. "When we won the whole team stormed the court. It was my best tennis experience."

◀ UNDER PRESSURE At Regionals, Arlo Detmer, sophomore, prepares to serve. "In this game we were confident the whole time," Detmer said, "but we knew it was not going to be easy since they (Crown Point) won the time before."

▲ CHANGE OF SCORE In the lead, Trey DeLuna, sophomore, adjusts his score. "I was really not trying to focus on the number of games I was ahead," DeLuna said, "Instead I was trying to think of winning each point."



PRE-GAME PEP SESSION

Before every game, the boys ran a series of tasks to get pumped

▲ STARTING THE RITUALS, Michael Rivich, junior, and Steven Rakich, senior, run and high-five teammates. "Our team did this to get pumped and get everyone else pumped for the match," Rivich said. "It was good to have the team behind you." ◀ CHEST BUMPING, Colin Richter, senior, and Alex Wisniewski, junior, finish the game preparation. "This was just a tradition," Wisniewski said. "We've always done this pre-game routine, and we were not going to be the team to change it."

TENNIS TERMS

A basic guide to tennis vocabulary

BREAK To beat an opponent in a game where the opponent was serving

DEUCE When the match score is 40-40, a player must win with two consecutive points

LOVE When the match score for both sides is at zero

MATCH POINT The match will end if a point is won by the leading player

RALLY A long series of shots

SET A system of scoring where the player must win six games to win a set

Source: Trey DeLuna, sophomore

MORE TO THE STORY

Starting off her high school career at Regionals, Nicole Howard, freshman, came within one shot of making it to State

Lining up her putt, Nicole Howard, freshman, prepares to shoot the last shot of Regionals. If she makes this shot, she advances to State.

"I was really, really nervous," Howard said. "My coach told me that a score in the low 80s would advance to State, so I kept my score in my head as I took the shot."

Howard had a twelve foot putt to make. She swung, but missed the shot by a couple of inches resulting in her final score of an 83.

"I was devastated," Howard said. "I was also kind of mad at myself because we always practiced twelve footers at practice."

Although she did not make the shot, Howard still felt pleased with her score.

"I was fortunate that I shot an 83, but there were just a few short putts that I missed," Howard said. "If I could change anything, I'd probably try and play smarter."

Being a freshman made this accomplishment even more impressive, according to Coach Bill Smitka, social studies teacher.

"It was an awesome accomplishment and I was extremely proud of the improvement and commitment that Nicole showed this season," Coach Smitka said. "Coming within one shot of making it to State should provide a nice motivation heading into next season."

▲ WISE OBSERVATION Looking over, Nicole Howard, freshman, examines another player's swing. "I was watching the other player's break," Howard said. "This way I could see where I had to putt."

WITHIN RANGE

Measuring the distance to the hole with a range finder, golfers decided which club to use based on every 10 yards

100 YARDS pitching wedge
110 YARDS 9-iron
120 YARDS 8-iron
130 YARDS 7-iron
140 YARDS 6-iron
150 YARDS 5-iron

Source: Rachel Jones, junior

▲ PEERING THROUGH HER RANGE FINDER, Natalie Vellutini, junior, measures the distance to the hole. "When going to a hole, you can measure the distance with a range finder so you know what clubs to use," Natalie said. ◀ CHOOSING HER CLUB, Rachel Jones, junior, decides carefully. "There was a set club I used for every shot depending on distance," Jones said.

◀ COME TOGETHER Walking to the next hole, Natalie Vellutini, junior, stops to fist bump her teammate Morgan Kaptur, senior. "The team's relationships were really close this year," Vellutini said. "Golf tends to be a closer team since we have a much smaller team than any other sport."

PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT

Working hard at practice, the Varsity Girls' Golf team refined their skill

◀ OBSERVING HER BALL, Rachel Jones, junior, hopes to hit it back on the fairway. "After I hit, I watched and hoped it would land in a good position," Jones said. ▼ TAKING A BREAK, Natalie Vellutini, junior, and Morgan Kaptur, senior, sit in their golf cart and wait to move to the next hole. "Moving from hole to hole took about fifteen minutes," Kaptur said. ▼ AS SHE SETS UP HER PUTT, Morgan Kaptur, senior, lines up the ball with the flag. "Depending on where the line was from the flag, I picked a spot on the ground and line up with that," Kaptur said.

SETTLING SCORE

When golfers would keep score, there was key vocabulary every golfer needed to know

PAR
recommended score for a hole or fewer
BIRDIE
ball in one stroke less of par
BOGEY
ball in one over par
TEE SHOT
first shot you hit on each hole
PUTTING
hitting on the green

Source: Jill Osterhus, senior

▲ KEEPING TRACK As she looks down at her scorecard, Jill Osterhus, senior, adds up her points. "You kept track of your score and the score of the person you were playing with for all 18 holes," Osterhus said. "They did the same, and then you compared scores at the end to make sure they were the same."

ALL on the LINE

With a 10 year record on the line, the Girls' Varsity Golf team worked for a strong end to the season

Packing up her clubs and walking off the green, Rachel Jones, junior, feels confident with the outcome of Regionals. Although the team did not advance to State, they were still pleased with the overall results of the match.

"I thought we did really well as a team," Jones said. "We came in sixth. It was the highest we've finished in more than a decade."

Despite not going to State, Coach Bill Smitka, social studies teacher, and the girls were proud with their accomplishment.

"It was the best finish we've had at Regionals since I've been coaching," Coach Smitka said. "It was a really impressive accomplishment."

Along with performing well at Regionals, the team also came out undefeated in Conference with a record of 6-0.

"The season went pretty well. We were 10-3 and undefeated in Conference," Coach Smitka said. "Overall it was a really good year."

Jones believed that the way the girls played and practiced this year resulted in a strong season finish.

"I thought a lot of the girls practiced more during the summer," Jones said. "They stepped up and played really well and were all very dedicated."

The girls were not disappointed with the outcome of this year's season. Next year, however, the team plans on reaching their goal of advancing to State.

"I thought we did really well at Regionals," Nicole Howard, freshman, said. "But next year, my goal is to advance to State as a team."

◀ EASY TARGET As Jill Osterhus, senior, lines up her shot, she thinks about the spot at Regionals. "I was nervous but excited to be playing for a spot at Regionals," Osterhus said. "When I got the spot, I was glad I got to play my final match at Regionals."

TURNING POINT

PLAYING THE WAITING GAME

The team bonds while waiting to hear results from their meets.

▶ WRITING DOWN SCORES, Matt Szala, senior, calculates results for his teammates. "We were all really nervous because the competition was really tough," Szala said. ▼ EYES ON THE PRIZE, Manny Lopez, junior, accepts his award from the Sectional meet. "I think I did pretty well," Lopez said. "I placed 11th overall." ▶ HANDS ABOVE HIS HEAD, Scott Farley, junior, waits for results after a meet. "We usually had a cool down run, and then hung out in our tent," Farley said.

Boys' Cross Country qualified for State, beating the team they lost to previously by one point in the process

One point—what kept the boys from State last year. One point—what pushed them over the edge to beat Lowell and qualify for State this season.

"We were all really excited because we all reached our goal as a team," Captain Tommy Bolanowski, senior, said. "This year we increased our training intensity by running more miles and doing more speed workouts."

Over the season and the summer, the team went to places like the Indiana Dunes to help train with running uphill. The Dunes was a good place for the team to train, but also helped with team bonding, according to Brian Banach, junior. They also went to other team's tracks, to get ready for meets, like Crown Point's Lemon Lake track and went to Terre Haute's course to train for the State competition.

"Last year we did really well," Banach said. "We worked very hard, but we didn't run a very good race."

Despite some major injuries, the team placed 13th overall, the second highest team placing at State for Munster ever; the highest place is 9th.

"This year we just made sure we were really focused and didn't want the disappointment of missing out on a state competition again," said Bolanowski. "I think we were just as strong as the other schools. We did have a few injuries that hurt our team, but all teams have to deal with that."

▶ ON YOUR MARKS At the starting point, senior Tommy Bolanowski, and juniors Manny Lopez, Ryan Kritzer, and Jimmy Murphy all get ready for a race. "At the line we think about strategy, and who I need to be running next to in order to compete for the win," Captain Tommy Bolanowski said.

MORE TO THE STORY

The Boys' Varsity Cross Country team keeps up their annual tradition of running home from Highland

With sweat dripping off of their faces after the Highland Dual meet, the boys got ready to run home. Running home after the Highland Meet did not only serve as a way to cool down and get some extra mileage in, but it was also a tradition.

"Every year, the guys who weren't injured or were recovering from a recent injury, ran home from the dual meet," Jimmy Murphy, junior, said. "We did it to get our stamina up so we could keep going, and settle down after the Highland meet."

Eleven out of the 14 boys ran home, according to Theo Burgwald, sophomore.

"The team's routine of running home has been going strong for a few years now, and will keep going on," Captain Tommy Bolanowski, senior said.

◀ KEEP UP THE PACE Alongside each other, seniors Tommy Bolanowski and Matt Szala, juniors Jimmy Murphy, Brian Banach and Ryan Kritzer run their warm-up at practice. The team ran an average of about 40 miles a week, according to Banach.

RAIN OR SHINE

Throughout the season, the team faced various weather conditions that impacted races

93 °
Aug. 27
Lemon Lake Invite

◀ UNDER THE SUN With the sun beating down on his face, Theo Burgwald, sophomore, sprints to the finish. "Sometimes it was too hot for runners," Theo said. "A girl on the girls' team passed out."

50 °
Oct. 15
Sectionals

◀ RIGHT AS RAIN Dripping wet, Jimmy Murphy, junior, paces himself at Sectionals in Hammond. "The worst conditions a runner wants is rainy and windy," Murphy said. "We did really well getting through the rain."

Source: weather.com

STRONGER HAND
reaches back, ready to swing at the ball
WEAKER HAND
tosses the ball in the air
BACK FOOT
steps forward when dominant hand swings

Source: Morgan Switalla, senior

▶ ACE IN THE HOLE Serving the ball, Morgan Switalla, senior, sticks to her form. "I do the same thing every time, but it's important to the game because it starts each play," Switalla said.

▶ JUST FOR LAUGHS Laughing, Morgan Switalla (12), senior, hears the speech Lexi Pitsas, freshman, wrote about her for senior night. "Lexi and I were close all the way through the season. I understood her because we were both pulled up to varsity at a young age," Switalla said.

MORE TO THE STORY

Players wore purple to honor a student's battle with Cystic Fibrosis

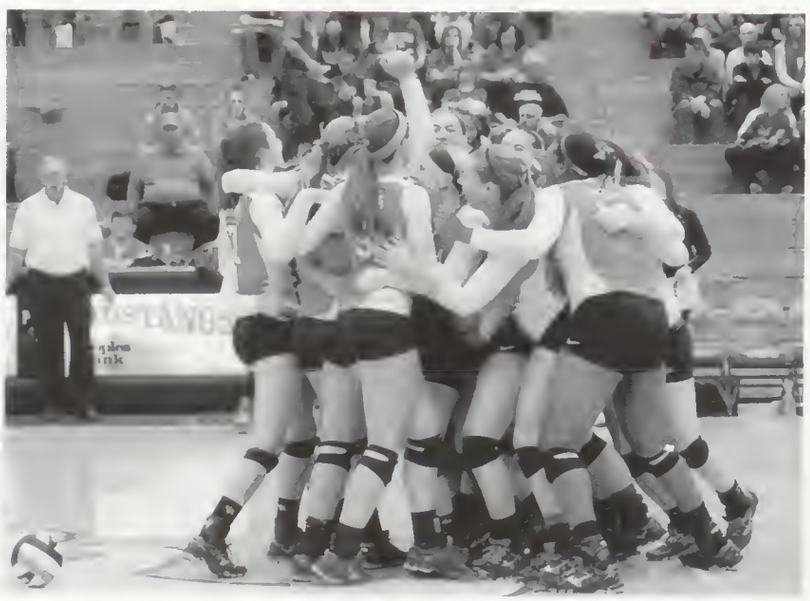
Two days before the Sectional Championships, the volleyball team recieved a ball even they couldn't block. Colleen Lusk, junior, a former volleyball player who had Cystic Fibrois, passed away. Her untimely passing called for the post season to be dedicated to her.

"When we hit the court with our purple bows and laces, everything had a different meaning," Victoria Foster, junior, said. "We knew we had to win it for her, and we knew other teams might have looked at it as a weakness, so we came out twice as strong. We just kept repeating, 'For Coll!'"

They spread the message for fans to wear purple, the advocacy color for Cystic Fibrosis, to the game on social media.

The team chant for the season was "#fearless" because Coach Tracey Summers, Wilbur Wright Middle School teacher, told her players that being fearless was needed in order to make the big plays needed to win.

"We dedicated the fearless quote to her, because she never gave up her fight and her battle," Morgan Switalla, senior, said.



▲ PURPLE POWER Celebrating their sectional victory, the girls dedicate their win to Colleen Lusk, junior. "It was obviously really unfortunate that Colleen's passing had to be two days before one of the biggest games of the year, but she was our inspiration. Our purple ribbons and shoe laces really brought her spirit to the game," Victoria Foster, junior, said.

THROUGH THICK and THIN

Players built up their team chemistry through playing together in middle school and in the off season

Number one in the region. Near perfect record. Undefeated in conference. Sectional Champions. Regional Champions. Volleyball earned their bragging rights for their 2013 season.

"It was amazing. Each game we went for, it was like how much farther can we go now, how much can we push ourselves," Rachel Markowicz, senior, said.

The highlight of the season was their 18 game winning streak, according to Markowicz.

"We had an unbelievable season," co-captain Elizabeth Kloos, senior, said. "It took a lot to get where we were. The smallest glitches in a team can ruin them so we really worked to keep those out of ours."

During the first week of the season, they beat three of their hardest opponents, according to Coach Tracy Summers, Wilbur Wright Middle School teacher. She credits their success to their strong bond, especially between the team's six seniors.

"Some of the seniors I coached when they were in eighth grade, in seventh grade even," Coach Summers said. "I've seen them come a long way. Their personalities are the same, but I've seen them progress a lot."

Their long history allowed them to become familiar with each other's playing habits. They competed with and against each other all year round, for many since before high school.

"We knew when one of us is struggling and how to help them through it and we knew each other's strengths and weaknesses so we were able to make each other better," Kloos said.

Circumstances like this are a rare opportunity, according to Coach Summers.

"There was something special about this team, and I didn't think that there was any team in this region that had what we did," Coach Summers said.

◀ HUG IT OUT Sharing a moment, Elizabeth Kloos, senior, hugs Blaire Barnett, junior, who just delivered a speech about their friendship at senior night. "Playing with your best friends was one of the best things I've ever experienced," Barnet said. "You don't get many of those chances.

BUMP, SET AND SPIKE

Players had to be on their A game to perform their best

◀ DIGGING IT, Amber Caldwell, senior, prepares herself mentally to pass the ball. "When I knew someone had a hard serve I did physch myself out a little bit," Caldwell said. ◀ SET FOR SUCCESS, Blaire Barnett (3), junior, knew her role as setter. "My job was running an offense that made us as a team most successful," Barnett said. ◀ GOING BIG, Elizabeth Kloos (6), senior, showed off her spike. "I thought about where their blockers were and decided if I should take my favorite shots or change it up," Kloos said.

BACK TO BACK

Proving their name to regional opponents the Mustangs took game after game

The boys huddle into the locker room. Some goof around, some get ready, some pray, but they all have one thing in common: the need to prove they are more than the rumors.

The first game of the season, the boys successfully took their first win in months. They used the idea that if they kept working hard and striving to get better the reward would be great in end, according to Jonathan Azar, senior.

"We had won one playoff game, but that doesn't give any justice to how far we've come this year," Azar said.

The feeling is mutual with both Dominic Lucito, junior, and Azar, who both agreed that the underclassmen have stepped up this season after losing key players.

"A lot of hard work, dedication by assistant coaches, and determination by the senior class will get us the gold," Varsity Coach Leroy Marsh, health teacher, said.

Players and coaches were not the only things that kept the team motivated, according to Lucito.

"Fans played a huge role in our play," Lucito said. "The more fans, the more noise, intensity, and support added to the game."

Munster had not won a sectional game in 16 years to the day.

"They had a fast defense but we had an even faster offense," Azar said. "They have a tough run game and full back, but we have an even tougher defense."

After taking several hits, the Mustangs fell to their sectional opponent.

One by one they all filed out of the bus, some talking, some silent, but they all had one thing in common: the feeling after losing that game.

▶ NOT DONE YET Kneeling with his teammates after losing to Lowell on senior night, Zach Kennedy, senior, looks up to Coach Marsh for a post-game speech. "I really thought we could pull out a win against Lowell, but we didn't get the job done," Kennedy said. "Usually after a win we say a special chant, but since we lost we just listened to Coach Marsh recap the game."

FIGHTING FOR A CAUSE

▲ FOR COLL Carrying the purple ribbon banner, Lawrence Gaines (58) and Sahib Singh (78) represent the Mustangs honoring the passing of former Munster student, Colleen Lusk, junior, before the Sectional Championship game. "Some of us were affected by it," Lawrence Gaines, junior, said. "Not a lot of us knew her but the ones who did were very affected by the whole situation."

ALL GOOD THINGS COME TO AN END

Coming down from the high of the season, Varsity Football loses to Mishawaka after a season changing Munster history

◀ WITH NO WORDS, Sam Bell (16), senior, takes a knee with Jacob Helmer (9), junior, after falling to opponent during the Sectional Championship. "Everything sunk in that it was my last game and that I would never be able to play with some of my best friends again," Bell said. "It was just all around depressing." ◀ REALIZING THE LAST GAME OF THE SEASON HAD JUST ENDED, Seth Gutwein (8), junior, lets out his disappointment after going into the game self-assured. "We were really confident going in," Johnathan Azar, senior, said.

▲ BRING IT Looking for an opening, Steven Herndon (25), senior, runs carrying the gold to the end of the field toward Seth Gutwein (8), junior. "The best part about football was putting in the hard work and seeing it pay off,"

◀ GET MEAN Sam Helmer (55), senior, and teamate follow the next play, which would lead them one step closer to the ultimate Sectional Title. "We carried over our dedication from last year and combined it with experience and talent," Eric Swingler, senior, said.

▲ THE DARK KNIGHT Screaming out in pain, Steven Herndon (25), senior, lays restricted on the field during the Homecoming game seeking medical help from Mr. John Doherty, Athletic Trainer. "My immediate thoughts were, 'I hope this doesn't effect my basketball season'," Herndon said. This was not Herndon's first sports related injury. "I had a major knee injury before and I have to do a lot to get better," Herndon said. "Now I have to do it all over again."

MORE TO THE STORY

A detrimental injury plagued senior Steven Herdon's season causing holes in the play

Mid season, Homecoming game, Steven Herndon, senior, took a poisonous blow and went down for the count. Struggling to keep his head in the game, he laid painfully on the field, gripping his leg.

Everyone watched as he became surrounded with doctors and coaches. He threw his hands above his head and screamed in pain.

Throughout the many injuries, the team only became more firm and secure in their position.

"What does not kill you makes you stronger," Herndon said.

SIDE by SIDE

Through team activities and regular practices alike, JV and varsity runners came together and bonded

With nerves running high, the girls line up to start the race. Anna Stooksbury, senior, gives her teammates an encouraging smile. After weeks of practices and activities, the team is ready to run. The starter fires the gun, and they are off.

"Even though it was technically an individual sport, we ran as a team," Stooksbury said. "During a race, if one of your teammates came up to you, they'd say something encouraging under their breath and keep you going."

Coaches Kyleen Nolan, chemistry teacher, and Michelle Duffy, English teacher, planned activities before meets to boost morale. The girls had the Great Pumpkin week before Semi-State, a lock-in before Regionals and a spirit week before Sectionals.

"We got to have this added fun to practices, and I loved being creative and crazy with my costumes," Emily McNicholas, senior, said. "It wasn't only fun for me to dress but to also see everyone else's costumes."

The coaches encouraged the girls to bond through these activities as well as during regular practices. Coach Duffy also promoted talking amongst the runners, according to Kaitlyn Bohling, senior.

"It was like when you ran, you got connected by going through these hard workouts together," Bohling said.

FUN FACTOR

Heading to Sectionals, runners added fun to the week before Semi-State by practicing in themed costumes

▲ FOOD DAY

Heads turn as a Cheez-It, a bunch of grapes and spaghetti and meatballs jog down Columbia Avenue. The runners dressed up as their favorite foods on Monday of Spirit Week.

▲ STORYBOOK DAY

Crown and whiskers in place, Emily McNicholas, senior, stretches before practice on Tuesday of spirit week. "I was dressed as Max from Where The Wild Things Are, and seeing everyone else's characters was interesting because you got to see what people were reading or everyone's favorite book from their childhood," McNicholas said.

▲ SWIMSUIT DAY

Along with wearing strange outfits, runners ran at an unusual place on Wednesday of spirit week. Also known as "Wicked Wednesday," the girls dressed up in swimwear and ran on a golf course in Dyer.

▲ TWIN DAY

Hair in hand, Maggie Anderson, sophomore, braids junior Erin Harvath's hair before starting the practice run. "Maggie and I were twins last year because we were both new to the team, and we grew really close throughout the season," Harvath said. "This year it just seemed natural that we would be twins again because after last year's twin day she was always 'my twin.'"

▲ PRINCESS DAY

Proudly holding her wand, Elaine Zmuda, senior, sits after being crowned by Coach Michelle Duffy, English teacher, as the princess of sassiness. "The crowning was special because it was kind of like the culmination of the social aspect of cross country," Zmuda said. "It was fun to hear what people really noticed about you over the years."

Source: Emily McNicholas, senior

◀ WAITING FOR THE GUNSHOT, seniors Emily McNicholas and Rebecca Karnezis set up to run at the Lemon Lake Invitational. "Because everyone was trying to focus on the race I normally didn't talk much, but when I did it was small talk and wishing good luck," Karnezis said. ◀ HUDDLED IN THE COLD, all runners and coaches link arms before running at the Lowell Invitational meet. "The huddle gave us something to think about during the race," Kaitlyn Bohling, senior, said. "It gave us a goal to reach and it helped to calm us down a little." ▼ SEEING GREEN, Brittany Barajas, junior, runs through the forest course at Lowell High School, one of many difficult terrains the team runs. "I prepared for a meet by mentally prepping myself a while in advance," Barajas said. "I envisioned myself racing on the specific course against my competitor and passing them."

MORE TO THE STORY

Remembering their roots, runners found inspiration for the season's t-shirts

Emma Hong. Colleen Ogren. Mykaela Burton. These names and others of graduated runners spread across the bottom of the Girls' Cross Country team's shirts. The older members' names form the roots of a tree on the front of the shirt. Its leaves sprout into the names of this season's team. The back holds motto, "Our roots run deep."

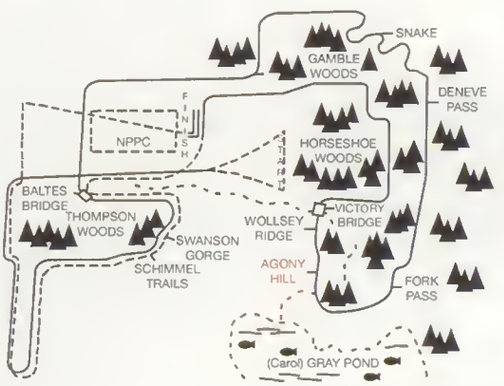
"The shirt showed the girls who have run before us," Anna Stooksbury, senior, said. "Our roots run deep, like get it? Run," Stooksbury said.

The shirt helped older members remember runners of the past, while teaching newer runners a legacy.

"Once you're in cross country, you're always in cross country," Stooksbury said. "Our roots run deep."

CHANGE OF SCENERY

New Prairie High School's course was known for its winding turns, forest paths and infamous Agony Hill



Source: Elaine Zmuda, senior

FEAR THE BEARD

The boys took to Twitter to interact off the field, resulting in the creation of a parody account based off of senior Demetri Georgalas' beard

Peter Panos @peter_panos 09 Sep
We put on a show tonight for our fans #fightsonfights #goodgameboys

Clay Arnold @x4Arnold4x 11 Sep
@peter_panos @rickydel19 I've made many more misakes. We're a team and we have your back. #brosforlife

Demetri's Beard @DemetrisBeard 11 Sep
Everyone come out to the boys soccer sectional final tomorrow, please don't make Demetri shave me

Stevan Djuric @Callme_Stee013 11 Sep
when @nik_Kaj10 put that diving header in, i swear on my life i cried. Tears of joy rushed down my face. #LoveYouMan

Source: Twitter

▼ UP IN THE AIR During the sectional game, Brett Kaufmann, sophomore, jumps to make a head shot. "When I was playing, the only thing that went through my mind was to win the game and do whatever it took to do that," Kaufmann (14) said. "My favorite part of playing would have to be scoring a goal. It was a feeling unlike any other."

CELEBRATE GOOD TIMES

Team bonding allowed the boys to become closer, which resulted in stronger chemistry on the field

▶ REJOICING IN THEIR WIN, Jack Arnold, senior, and his teammates celebrate their sectional win against East Chicago. "I felt happy and relieved because there was a lot of pressure from the game," Arnold said. "I think our confidence and how much we tried let us win. We didn't really give up on it." ▼ AFTER MAKING A GOAL, at the sectional game against East Chicago, Nik Kajmakoski, junior, celebrates with his teammates Peter Panos (9), senior, Max Lawson (17), junior, Demetri Georgalas (6), senior, and Kiriako Tsoukalas (16), freshman. "I felt ecstatic, happy, astonished because I didn't think the ball would end up to me," Kajmakoski said.

MORE TO THE STORY

Captain Demetri Georgalas, senior, made a last minute goal, allowing the game to go into overtime

One minute left. The boys are behind by one point to Griffith. Just as time begins to run out, Captain Demetri Georgalas, senior, scores a goal, allowing the game to go into overtime, ultimately resulting in a 2-1 victory.

"It felt great to get that goal to tie the game and give the team a better chance to win in overtime," Georgalas said. "When the ball laid out in front of me and I shot it, I just hoped it wouldn't hit any players and just go in."

Georgalas could not have made the goal without receiving the pass from Stevan Djuric, junior.

"When I had the ball, I made sure I stayed calm," Djuric said. "I wanted to make sure it was a good pass where I could set him up for a good shot. It was so relieving when we saw the ball go in the back of the net."

With the victory against Griffith, the boys won their first conference game and advanced on to the rest of the season.

"I was just thinking we had to score," Georgalas said. "We can't lose Conference to Griffith. It was not an option. I would have been really disappointed if we lost against them in my senior year. I just felt relief that we won that conference game."

▲ HELPING PASS With the ball in his possession, Stevan Djuric (13), junior, aims to pass the ball to his teammate Demetri Georgalas, senior. "I didn't want to mess up because then that would put us in the penalty," Djuric said. "Demetri's very good with his left foot so when he aimed for the box, we knew it would go in."

SIGH of RELIEF

Facing the pressure of winning Sectionals, the team was relieved to win and set a State record for most sectional wins

After a 2-1 win against East Chicago, the boys kept their twelve year sectional streak alive and set the state record for the most amount of sectional wins.

"It was a relief," Dan Green, junior, said. "We held the sectional title for eleven years, and I knew that everyone on our team didn't want to be the team that broke the record and stopped the streak. Once we won, it was a relief because we knew it wouldn't be us."

By winning the sectional title, the boys held the state record for twelve consecutive sectional wins.

"It (holding the state record) was an honor," Captain Peter Panos, senior, said. "You can have a good team one year and then have one not as good the other year, but we consistently have good teams, which says something about the Munster soccer program."

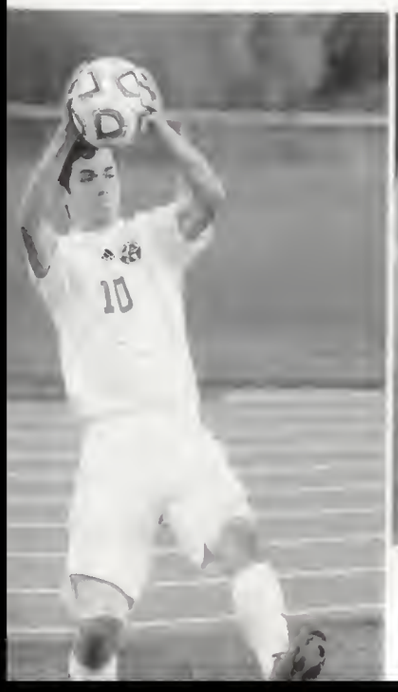
Becoming closer as a team off the field helped with the chemistry on the field, which contributed to the team's success.

"We won Sectionals because we were able to play better as a team this year," Panos said. "The offense and defense did their job and we both did what we needed to do. The fact that we as a team came together and pulled out when we didn't have that great of a season meant a lot."

Despite not starting out the season in the best way, the boys managed to maintain their twelve sectional wins.

"For most of the time we had a rough season," Captain Ricky Delgado, senior, said. "We had a really hard season, so we had to keep working hard. We knew winning Sectionals wouldn't be easy. We had to stay focused and put forth our best effort. For us to pull that off was huge."

◀ WINNING MOMENT After realizing the boys won Sectionals and kept the twelve year streak alive, Captain Demetri Georgalas (6), senior, feels relieved. "It felt so good that my senior year didn't mess up the streak," Georgalas said. "It was a relief. These past four years have been great, and I'm happy to have kept the streak alive."



◀ OUT OF BOUNDS Throwing the ball in at Regionals, Michael Portone (10), junior, attempts to help his team win. "My main goal throughout the game was to win," Portone said. "It was the greatest feeling whenever you scored."

◀ FACING DEFEAT Watching from the sidelines, Harris Kouklakis, senior, takes in the loss against Valparaiso during the Regional game. "I was kind of sad that the season ended there," Kouklakis said. "Despite losing Regionals, the team still gained chemistry that we didn't have at the beginning of the season."

▶ AFTER JUST FINISHING FIRST IN THE 200-YARD FREESTYLE RELAY, Nikki Smith, junior, high-fives Captain Mary Beth Blocher, senior. "Before I dove in, I knew we were just a little bit behind and with a nice 50, we could win," Smith said. "I just kept thinking to keep kicking and not to breathe and to finish it off. (Finishing first) felt amazing. It was a total team effort, and I couldn't have been more happy with the way it ended." ▶ FROM THE POOL DECK, juniors Sydney Kawalec and Taylor Merkel, Emily Anderson, senior, and Brigid McGinty, sophomore, cheer on the 200-yard Freestyle relay team. ▼ ARMS WRAPPED AROUND EACH OTHER, juniors Allison Cunningham and Nikki Smith, Mary Beth Blocher, senior, and Megan Wimmer, freshman, hug after winning the 200-yard Freestyle Relay during their cool-down. "Winning felt amazing," Cunningham said. "It was awesome because we got our All-American time, pool record, team record and first place."

MORE TO THE STORY

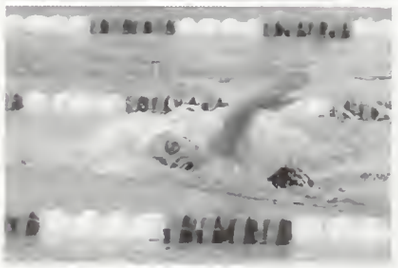
After 32 years the 500-yard Freestyle record was broken by Nikki Smith, junior, at the Lake Central meet

As she touches the wall, exhausted after just swimming 20 laps of freestyle, Nikki Smith, junior, looks at Lake Central's glowing scoreboard and searches for lane six. She looks at her time, 4:57.85, and a wave of happiness washes over her. She is almost certain she has just broken Munster's 32-year 500-yard freestyle school record.

"I was aware of the record, and it was one of my goals to break it before my high school career was over," Smith said. "I didn't necessarily think that I was going to get it at that meet, but I went out and gave it a try. After I touched, I looked at the board and was really surprised. I knew that I was really close, but we just had to confirm it."

Near the end of the meet, Smith found out her time did, in fact, break the record by .06 seconds.

"I felt great," Smith said. "It was really promising considering we weren't tapered or suited at all for that meet. It meant a lot to me considering it was on the board for 32 years. The fact that no one could break it for so long, then I went and broke it, made me feel really happy that all my hard work had paid off."



▲ WITH A SMILE ON HER FACE, Nikki Smith, junior, hangs on to the block after seeing her time of 4:57.85, a seven second drop from her previous best time. Three weeks later, Smith swam 500-yard Freestyle again at State and dropped four more seconds, breaking her own record. ◀ TAKING A BREATH, Smith closes in on the last 25 yards. "During the race, I actually wasn't feeling very good," Smith said. "I really didn't think that I was going to get it."

STRONG FINISH

Although their six-year sectional winning streak came to an end, Girls' Swimming had a record-breaking season

All falls silent as the official blows his whistle, signaling the swimmers to take their place on the blocks for the 200-yard Freestyle Relay. Four events remain of Sectional finals and Girls' Swimming is tied with Crown Point. "Take your mark," echoes through Crown Point's packed aquatic center and with the sound of the buzzer, they are off. The crowd erupts in cheers as Munster, Crown Point and Lake Central fight the win. Munster pulls ahead the last 25 yards and finishes first with a 1:36.17, breaking the 2010 school record in the process.

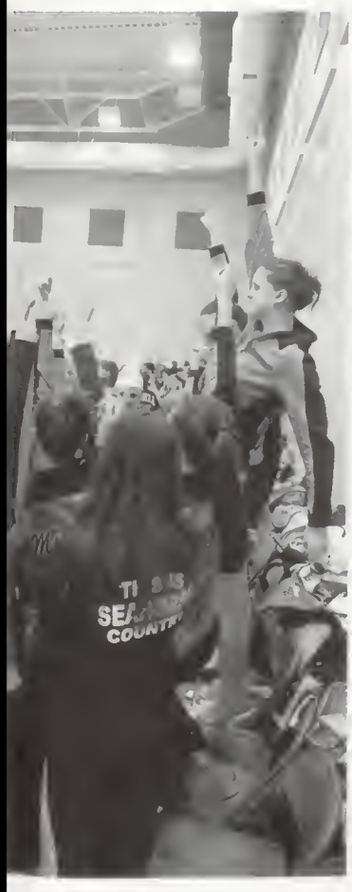
"Crown Point was expected to blow out all three relays," Captain Mary Beth Blocher, senior, said. "But, we ended up beating them by two or three tenths of a second. It was a shock to them, but not really to us. We felt pretty confident going into the event. We were more concerned about breaking the school record."

Winning the event put the team in a good place heading into the last few races, according to Ashley Hwang, senior.

"It was huge for us because it was a six-point lead that we got," Hwang said. "That meant the world to us going into the last three events."

However, Crown Point erased their 405-398 lead with two wins in the final events. Despite losing the sectional title for the first time in six years to Crown Point, Coach Matt Pavlovich, physical education teacher, remained proud of the team's performance.

"They mentally and physically took their swimming to another level," Coach Pavlovich said. "They really excelled and swam special, and for a lot of reasons, I thought they were sectional champions. You had to give it to Crown Point—they won, but we swam very, very well. We swam like sectional champions."



THAT'S THE SPIRIT

The team performed a series of pre-meet rituals together to get pumped up for their events

◀ FINGER HELD HIGH IN THE AIR, Captain Mary Beth Blocher, senior, leads the team in "Countdown." This cheer consisted of shouting numbers backwards from ten while clapping, then going silent at "one" and shooting your arm up in the air, pointer finger directed toward the ceiling, according to Blocher. "It was the last cheer we did before we swam because it was the most powerful and intimidating," Blocher said.

▲ SPLASHING AROUND IN THE COOL-DOWN POOL, Nicole Wakefield, freshman, and the rest of the team finish "Get Up." This cheer started with swimmers jumping and cheering together by grade in a circle, then the whole team joining in the middle and splashing. "We did 'Get Up' to get all the girls, divers included, pumped up for the meet," Wakefield said.

STRETCH IT OUT Before each meet the team completed warm-up stretches, some of which had interesting requirements

▲ STRIKE A POSE Before warm-ups, Allison Cunningham, junior, Bridgid McGinty, sophomore, and freshmen Megan Wimmer and Maggie Vaitkus stretch their backs during "Hollywood."

RUN IN PLACE WHILE SINGING "EVERYWHERE WE GO"

The team formed a circle and ran in place, while one swimmer ran around the middle, leading the team in song

MONKEY

Swinging their arms up and down, the team mimicked the movements of a monkey

PIZZA

The team pretended to toss pizza dough as they swung their arms side to side

HOLLYWOOD

Crossing one leg over the other, the team posed like hollywood movie stars to stretch their backs

Source: Ashley Hwang, senior

COUNTING CALORIES

In preparation for matches, wrestlers dropped weight classes by closely monitoring their food intake

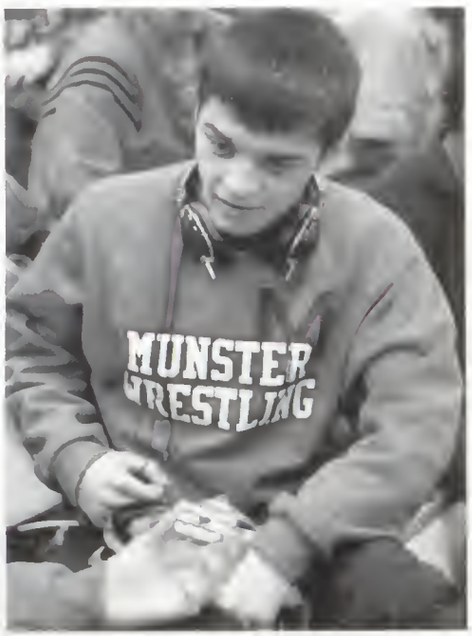
PEDIALYTE
70 calories

FRUIT
Apples: 116 calories
Oranges: 45 calories
Grapes: 62 calories

SALTINE CRACKERS
42 calories

FUDGE COOKIES AFTER THE MATCH
200 calories

Source: Adam Kulam, junior



▲ REST AND REFUEL Relaxing after a match, Adam Kulam, junior, enjoys cookies with his teammates. Wrestlers dieted the week before a match to drop weight, according to Adam. "Every Saturday that we (the team) had a match, we would plan a feast," Kulam said. "For Sectionals, each person brought a different food to the gym. This year, I bought $39 worth of fruit, and it was the best fruit I've ever had in my life."

PRACTICE TACTICS

Wrestlers learned a variety of drills and moves to use in their matches

NEUTRAL POSITION TAKEDOWNS
Moves that allow the wrestler to take down their opponent from the neutral position

TOP-POSITION TURNS
Moves the wrestler employs to expose his opponent's back to the back of the mat

BOTTOM-POSITION ESCAPES
Wrestler uses moves to escape from the bottom position to the neutral position

Source: Hunter Standley, junior

▶ BUTTING HEADS, Rudy Magana, senior, learns a wrestling move from Jordan Cooper, '11. "Most wrestlers that are former graduates come back to help us practice and help us get better in whatever way we need to," Magana said. ▶ HIS PARTNER IN THE AIR, Hunter Standley, junior, practices a wrestling maneuver. "I was Fireman's Carrying him, it was just a simple takedown, one of the many drills we did during practices," Standley said.

ON AND OFF THE MAT

Wrestlers found ways to support each other from two different perspectives of a match

▲ SEATED ON THE SIDELINES, Jeremy Sarnowski, sophomore, and juniors Adam Kulam and Ryan Glasen cheer on their teammate during a match. "You supported your teammates by being there for them on the side of the mat, cheering them on and yelling what moves they can do," Glasen said. "The more people there definitely helped, it just made you want to win for them, too." ▶ IN THE MIDDLE OF A MATCH, Zach Slosser, senior, wrestles at Semi-State. "Even when most of the team didn't qualify for the next meet, they still showed up at practices and the meet," Slosser said. "I always knew they had my back."

ROOM TO ADJUST

Wrestlers adjusted to challenges posed to them before and during the season

Wrestlers, new and old, gather in the wrestling room to prepare for the season. Whether they make it to the end or not depends on how they adjust to the wrestler's routine, as well as the help they receive in doing so.

"As an upperclassman, I tried to push the younger wrestlers beyond their limits to better them for competition," Adam Kulam, junior, said. "The same principle applied to my first two years of wrestling—tough love."

However, not only freshmen needed to adjust. Rudy Magana, senior, transferred to Munster from Gavit High School in the 2012-2013 school year. Unable to wrestle his junior year, Magana entered this season, receiving training help from Kulam and graduate Jordan Cooper, '11.

"It was funny because I had wrestled against him (Cooper) my freshman year," Magana said. "I also wrestled against Adam when I was a sophomore."

Even though Magana had wrestled at Gavit, not wrestling his junior year at Munster set him behind. Magana had to change weight classes at Munster, completely altering his diet.

"A few of us worked together outside of the wrestling room while cutting weight, and I know Rudy would occasionally spend the night at one of the coach's houses to resist the temptation of eating," Kulam said.

Despite not knowing many of his teammates, Magana fit in with the wrestling team and had successful season, making it to Semi-State, according to Kulam.

"The wrestling team is a very open and accepting community, so Rudy had no trouble fitting in with us," Kulam said.

◀ KEEPING FAITH Head bowed, Rudy Magana, senior, prays before hitting the mat at the Regionals competition at Gary Westside High School. "I prayed before my matches so I wouldn't get hurt, and so nothing bad would happen to my opponent," Rudy said. "I also prayed to talk to my grandparents, who passed away, and I promised them I'd do my best to win every match or go as far as I could go."

▲ UNDER CONTROL Nearing the end of the match, Jason Crary, freshman, begins to take down his opponent at the wrestling team's Regionals competition. Crary won the match and moved on to Semi-State, making himself one of the few wrestlers who advanced to the next competition. "A lot of hard work and practice went into this season, which is why it was so successful," Crary said.

MORE TO THE STORY

Freshman wrestler advanced to Semi-State with only a few other teammates

Taking a deep breath to keep himself steady, Jason Crary, freshman, steps onto the mat at the wrestling team's Semi-State competition. He gets into his starting position and looks up at his opponent, Garrett Pepple, a wrestler from East Noble High School ranked second in the state in his weight class. The referee blows the whistle, and the match begins.

"I wasn't really that nervous going into the match," Crary said. "I just tried to stay calm right before it."

Though Crary ended the third period of his match with a tied score of 0-0, he and Pepple went into overtime. In the last 45 seconds of the match, Jason came out as the victor with a score of 2-1.

"It felt really good when I'd won, since he was ranked second in the state at the time," Crary said.

Despite not having wrestled for the middle school team, Jason gained experience from wrestling with the Region Wrestling Academy (RWA) throughout his middle school career.

"I had no clue how the season was going to turn out or what the competition would be like, but the RWA just showed me how to be successful while I was wrestling, and the upperclassmen at Munster showed me how to act," Crary said.

AS THE CLOCK COUNTS DOWN

With the timer falling to the final seconds of the game, players' minds began to race with thoughts that helped them use those last seconds to their advantage

"I thought that we need to score, and what can I do so we get this win?"
Jordan Cole, junior

"I knew that I could not mess up, that we could not let them come back."
Maria Sirounis, sophomore

"I tried to keep myself calm, and I knew I could make it in."
Maddy Moore, sophomore

"You felt like it was on your shoulders as to how the game would turn out."
Dominique Schupp, sophomore

▲ BEATING THE CLOCK Maddy Moore (40), sophomore, tries to catch her breath with a minute and thirteen seconds left on the buzzer. "Whenever I glanced at a countdown clock, I always thought about what I could do better, or what the team could do better as a whole," Moore said.

MORE TO THE STORY

Many referred to their favorite teammates as their "sister", but for the Mihalic sisters, it was literal

It is said a sister is a best friend, and this is true for many siblings. Tack on teammate right after best friend, and the relationship between Taylor Mihalic, senior, and Miranda Mihalic, junior, ensues.

"Playing with Taylor during a game was easy because we sort of just knew what the other one was thinking," Miranda said. "Communication was a huge part in basketball, and since Taylor and I had that down pat while playing, when she and I would play together we were unstoppable."

While some siblings competed to see who played better, the Mihalic sisters did it a little different. Rather than fighting nail and tooth for the win against the other, the sisters played to sharpen each other's competitive edge and give each other pointers along the way.

"We both gave one another constructive criticism," Taylor said. " I would play my best game on defense, and Miranda was great on offense so the two of us helped one another with our weaknesses. It was sort of like a healthy competition between the two of us."

Both girls played on the same team for two years, but the two became separated when Taylor left for college.

"I was jealous I would not be on the court with her next year," Taylor said. "But I'll be in the stands cheering her on."

▶ SEARCHING FOR A SHOT, Taylor Mihalic, senior, seaches the court for someone to pass to. "I looked for my sister on the court," Taylor said. "When we played we had this telepathy." ▶ PUSHING THROUGH THE DEFENSE, Miranda Mihalic, junior, takes part in a drill defense with the head JV coach, Coach Patrick Spohr, who acted as the defense. "Having Spohr as a coach was fun because he was like a big kid, and he liked to challenge us to do better during every practice, and it was just fun," Miranda said.

▲ KEEP CALM AND SHOOT As she takes a breath, Maddie Moore (40), sophomore, focuses in on the ball before shooting a free throw. "You had to be strong with the ball," Moore said. "You had to work really hard when you were a post, because you were up against these six foot girls."

THE COMEBACK

With an 8-13 record, the Girls' Basketball team did not let their losses bring their spirits down

With the score tied five minutes into the game, the beginning of a comeback occurs. The halftime buzzer rings, the court clears off, players prepare for the next round and coaches whip out their pep talk for the evening. By the end of the game, Munster achieves victory against Calumet 56-24.

"We played really strong from beginning to end," Captain Jordan Cole, junior, said. "It really raised our spirits and made us play more like a team in games following that. We started working a little bit harder at practices, so as a result we could win more games faster."

Even with a final record of 8-13, their losses did not stop the team from giving their one hundred percent effort during every game and every practice. It rather pushed them through the season to achieve their goal, according to Maria Sirounis, sophomore.

"I thought we had a good start to the season by winning our first game, but toward the middle of the season, it was rough, but then I thought we ended strong," Cole said.

Even with its ups and downs, the team took the situation at hand and turned it all around. They became driven to work even harder and stronger for the next game.

"After every loss, it made us want to beat our next opponent even more," Sirounis said. "Essentially, every loss we had made us work ten times harder rather than bring our spirits down."

◀ THE CHASE DOWN Natalie Vellutini (20), junior, sprints down the court to avoid her opponent. "My main thought was to get into the right defense or offense so that my team would have a better chance to do well and succeed," Vellutini said.

PUSHING FOR EVERY POINT

The team played off of the motto "every point counts", which helped them work together during their games

▲ DRIBBLING DOWN THE COURT, Sammie Buvala (5), sophomore, tries to score before her opponents catch up. "During a play, I thought about keeping the play, and if it did not go as planned, I tried to improvise," Buvala said.

▲ TRYING TO GET AROUND THE DEFENSE, Megan Zabrecki (37), sophomore, signals to her teammate Sammi Buvala (5), sophomore, to pass her the ball. "When I was switched to a power blocker, it was hard to get used to it, but after a wile it got easier," Zabrecki said.

◀ KEEPING AN EYE ON HER OPPONENTS, Captain Jordan Cole (21), junior, dribbles the ball down the court as one of her opponents approaches her. "I thought about what I was supposed to do, where I was supposed to go and how to execute the play," Cole said.

PLAYING TO THE BEAT

Before any game started, the team needed a playlist to get them pumped

"TURN DOWN FOR WHAT"
Lil John

"DONT DROP THAT THUN THUN"
Finatticz

"DARK HORSE"
Katy Perry

"PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS"
Kid Cudi

"WOBBLE"
V.I.C.

"SAIL"
AWOLNATION

"ANIMALS"
NICKELBACK

Source: Maria Sirounis, sophomore

DIFFERENT STROKES for DIFFERENT FOLKS

Swimming events comprised of four strokes, all of which required different areas of focus

BUTTERFLY
focus on getting arms over the water

BREASTSTROKE
need perfect timing on hand motion and kick

BACKSTROKE
keep body rolling through water

FREESTYLE
focus on getting a deep pull into the water

Source: Joey Gardner, junior

▶ FLYING THROUGH THE LANE, Joey Gardner junior, swims butterfly for the conference title."I do butterfly because I'm kind of attached (to the stroke)," Gardner said. "I can't see myself doing something else at this point." ▼ KEEPING IN MOTION, Jeremy Gonzalez, junior, works on his backstroke."I don't swim the backstroke often, but when I do in a meet I try to focus on not pulling on the lane lines." Gonzalez said. ▶ IN RHYTHM, Alec Thompson, junior, keeps a steady pace for breaststroke. ▶ STAYING FOCUSED, Jimmy Svolos, freshman, practices his freestyle. "When I swim freestyle, I focus on the black tiles to see how many there are," Svolos said.

HEADING UP

As senior swimmers and divers said their final goobyes, they welcomed the incoming members

Emotions rise as senior night comes to a close with tears of joy and sorrow as the boys walk down the line saying their good-byes, only to say it again at Sectionals and to say hello to the team that will take over for them.

"Leaving the team was like losing a family member," Daniel Straka, senior, said. "For four years I spent the majority of my winter swimming and the adjustment to life outside of that will be hard. But, as hard as it may be, being a member of the swim team was an experience to remember."

As the seniors said goodbye to their teammates, they saw the new faces that joined this year and reflected on how their new members influenced them.

"The freshmen influenced me a lot," Matt Specht, senior, said. "They were a hard working group and made me work harder, so I wouldn't get beat by any freshman youngins."

The seniors welcomed the freshmen with open arms and influenced them in a way that made their hard work pay off in their experiences and work that they put in together.

"It felt great coming into the high school team," Jack Wulf, freshman, said. "We all had to go through so much pain, and it was amazing that all of our hard work paid off."

▶ STRONG FINISH Taking a breath, Chris Rhodes, senior, swims breaststroke. "Being a swimmer, second to a student, was my life for three years," Rhodes said. "I trained rigorously every day and worked my way up to senior year."

CONQUERING COMPETITION

Breaking their own state record for most consecutive sectional titles, the team took home the sectional trophy for the 29th year

◀ AS THE NATIONAL ANTHEM PLAYS, the team stands on the bulkhead waiting for Sectionals to begin. "During that moment I've never been shaking so much in my life," Jimmy Perino, senior said. "The fact that this was my last swim meet of my career made it pretty emotional." ◀ ON THE BLOCK, juniors, Jeremy Gonzalez, Joey Gardner, Collin Sroge and James Beckman receive the first place ribbon for the 200 Freestyle Relay "When the announcer would name your name that you had won and to have your coach hand you that blue ribbon is an indescribable feeling," Sroge said. ▼ IN HIGH SPIRITS, the team holds their sectional trophy after winning Sectionals for the 29th consecutive time.

MORE TO THE STORY

With a new season came a new coach for Diving

Head first into the water, the divers practice with their new coach, Bill Chappo, at their side, ready to give them advice on how to correct mistakes they might have made.

"The coach change had helped me out a lot by showing me a new way to perfect things and perform better," Jake Comanse, junior, said. "I look forward to trying my best to qualify for State and reconnecting with the swim team."

The team had to adjust to Coach Chappo's methods in order to better themselves in their dives.

"I adjusted to the new coach change fairly quickly," Comanse said. "The difference was the coaching methods and new way to do or perfect dives."

◀ IN THE ZONE On the board, getting ready to dive into the frigid water, Diego Alanis, sophomore, prepares himself. "All I can think when getting ready to dive is just to not fall off the board," Alanis said.

▲ JUMP RIGHT IN After their 29th sectional win, the team jumps into the pool in celebration."It's great for the kids," Coach Matt Pavlovich, physical education teacher said. "They really seem to get a kick out of throwing the coach in the water. It's the best way to end a great season."

KEEPING UP WITH TRADITIONS

Throughout the season, the boys upheld a variety of team traditions

TP HOUSES OF GIRLS' SWIMMING SECTIONAL TEAM
To wish the girls good luck before their big meet

WEAR COSTUMES TO THE GIRLS' SWIMMING SECTIONAL MEET
To show support for the girls' team

SHAVING PARTY
To reduce drag before Sectionals that is created by hair

TEAM CHANT AROUND POOL
To get pumped up and into the competition mindset before meet began

PUSH COACH MATT PAVLOVICH, PHYSICAL EDUCATION TEACHER INTO THE POOL
To celebrate sectional wins

Source: Vinny Niaves, freshman

BRING IT ON

Munster's Cheer team proved it took more than pom-poms and pyramids to be a cheerleader

Not many people can lift another person above their head and toss them across the room, but the cheer team made their season about achieving new heights.

"We didn't get a lot of credit for everything we did," Elaina Etter, senior, said. "We got used to comments that cheer wasn't a sport and we didn't need skills to be there."

However, Cheer required talent and years of hard work. Preparation began in the summer for a season of daily practices and games that ran from the start of football through the end of the basketball in March, according to Etter.

"Competition was two minutes of tumbling, stunting and cheering," Etter said. "I think if people saw that, they wouldn't think we just stood there and clapped."

Like any sport, the team faced serious injuries as they worked to prepare their routines. Jamie Whiting, senior, battled sprained ankles, broken fingers and even concussions throughout her high school career.

"Coming back from an injury made me stronger," Whiting said. "It was hard to push myself, but once I got back in, it was worth it."

Working through the challenges of busy schedules and injuries only brought the team closer together.

"We've been with each other so we know each other's strengths and weaknesses and help each other out," Whiting said. "It's made for one of the best teams I've ever had."

▶ FOLLOW THE LEADER Performing a cheer together, seniors Alison Frankland, Elaina Etter and Ariana Chioros lead the student section during a basketball game. "I used to want to be in the student section, but after I got the chance to try it once, I realized that it was much more fun getting to cheer for it," Etter said.

PUTTING IN THE HOURS

Cheerleaders practiced their skills to prevent mistakes and injuries

▲ CHEERING IN A BRACE, Kasey Luehrs, junior, prevents a second re-injury after hurting her knee freshman year. "I stopped wearing my brace, and sophomore year I did a back-bend and it popped back out again. Ever since, I had to wear it," Luehrs said. ▶ FLYING IN A ROLLER COASTER STUNT, Ariana Chioros, senior, prepares to land safely becasue of the years of practice she did. "Middle school cheer helped me get the fundamentals before I started more difficult high school stunts," Chioros said. ▶ SPOTTING A FLIER, Briana Crowe, junior, and seniors Alison Frankland and Emma Nossem, time their movements together. "We definitely had to be on the same page and know what each other were doing," Frankland said.

▲ SWINGING IN A GRAND CANYON STUNT, Tessa Bales, freshman, does not feel the fear of falling as seniors Sydney Gunty and Jamie Whiting hold her up. "I trusted all the girls," Bales said. "I got a concussion once, but other than that nothing too bad happened." ▶ ON THE TOP OF A FULL, Bales uses her size to her advantage. "I got to fly a lot because of my size which was fun," Bales said. "Sometimes it was a disadvantage because I couldn't be a base or a back spot." ▶ FALLING INTO A PENDULUM STUNT, Bales stays in position to hit her mark. "I just needed to stay tight and hollow while letting them throw me," Bales said. "I thought it was a lot of fun getting thrown and the crowd also seemed to be thrilled by it."

READY? OK!

The team had their own sayings and language with each other

BIG TESS
Tessa Bales, freshman

"I'M INVINCIBLE!"
Excuse for fooling around

SUBWAY LUNCH BOXES
Lunchtime favorite

"AS YOUR LEADER..."
Senior Elaina Etter's common saying

"YOU'RE BENCHED!"
Coach Kristen Szafasz's punishment

"I'M GONNA DROP YOU!"
Joke between cheerleaders

HANNAH BANANA
Hannah Zaremba, freshman

FLIER
Cheerleader lifted or tossed into the air

Source: Briana Crowe, junior, Alison Frankland, senior

WHEN YOU SEE ME I'M STUNTIN'

Cheer showed off their stunting skills with Tessa Bales, freshman, as a flier

▲ DECORATING COMMITTEE Without a ladder, Dana Levitan, freshman, stunts with Emily Zellinger, freshman, to decorate for Turnabout. "We were putting decorations on the ceiling, but with only one ladder," Levitan said. "We had to get the job done with the skills we had."

MORE TO THE STORY

Cheerleaders worked to put together Munster's Turnabout dance

Music plays as students line up along walls decorated with Peter Pan for A Night in Neverland. A semester of work and planning all came together for the three hours of the Turnabout dance.

"The best part was at the end of the day seeing all of our efforts come together," Coach Kristen Szafasz, social studies teacher, said.

Serious planning began in November as the cheerleaders chose a theme and committees with specific jobs to do the day of the dance.

"This year we even finished early," Alison Frankland, senior, said. "So many people helped; siblings and even parents came to finish the job."

The team showed up the morning of the dance to put all of the decorations in place.

"No one cared how they looked in the morning when we were working," Frankland said. "It was funny seeing the comparison when we all showed up in dresses and makeup at night."

ALL THE RIGHT MOVES

When facing new opponents, the boys' changed their strategies for each game

ANDREAN

"Andrean is usually athletic so we have to take care of the ball more."

EAST CHICAGO

"EC is really good defensively so we have to take our time on offense and get good shots."

LAKE CENTRAL

"LC is usually bigger than us so we have to rebound better."

MORTON

"Morton is usually a quick team so we can't let them get any transition buckets."

Source: Pat McCarthy senior

▶ READY TO GUARD Blocking his Lake Central opponent, Kevin Schlotman, junior, prepares his defense. "When we were playing a Morton or LC (Lake Central) type of team we couldn't really run with them because they were more athletic," Schlotman said. "But, with a team like Andrean we kind of ran more and pushed the ball."

NOTHING BUT NET

Players aim to make every shot they put forth in the game

▶ SCREAMING INFLUENCE, Cody Grzybowski, senior, tries to put the ball in the hole but is blocked by opponent. "If you want to be great you gotta beat great teams.," Pat McCarthy, senior said. ▶ SHOT DOWN, McCarthy tries to get the ball after missing his first attempt. "If I missed I forgot about it and went to the next play," McCarthy said.

READY or NOT

With changes in Conference opponents, the Mustangs maintained a successful NCC season

1 minute: Pat McCarthy, senior, steals a rebound and heads down the court. 50 seconds: the ball is bounced between players draining down the clock. 30 seconds: McCarthy takes a shot, scores. Buzzer: Griffith fell to the Mustangs.

"During games we just try to play Munster Basketball," Coach Michael Hackett, health teacher, said. "We tried to get every part of our game to work with each other."

The boys felt the pressure of the reputation of the previous years and the high standards that was "Munster Basketball."

"When people thought of Munster Basketball, people usually thought of ball movement, being in the right spots on the court, and being able to shoot well," Kevin Schlotman, junior, said.

The team worked hard to gain and maintain their reputation after rebuilding their team full of mostly juniors.

"After the first couple of games it felt like it (the pressure) went away. We were an entirely different team this year than last year," McCarthy said.

The team faced their usual rivals head to head on the court but this time the dynamic changed and they had to readjust to the flow of the new season.

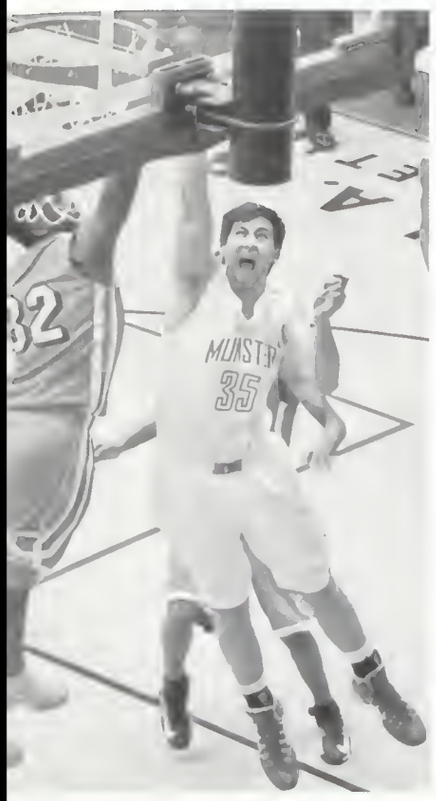
"The conference title was on the line against Lowell," Adam Ostoich, junior, said. Ending yet another season undefeated proved to the Mustangs that all the needed to do what play "Munster Basketball."

"Keeping the NCC streak was big for us, the Christmas Tourney, we lost in the first game, then won three in a row to win the tournament," Coach Hackett said.

The boys didn't take no for an answer and continued to play every game point by point, as if it was their last, according to McCarthy.

"Munster basketball just wins," McCarthy said. "Plain and simple."

STUCK IN THE MIDDLE ▶ Double teamed by opponents, Adam Ostoich, junior, fights back. "Usually Andrean was the only other good team in Conference, but this year Lowell was very good," Ostoich said.



MORE TO THE STORY

The boys' season ended abruptly with the close post season game against Lake Central

They hung their heads.

After losing to Lake Central, a long time rival, some of the Mustangs played for their last time.

"After we lost it hit me immediately that I was done playing high school basketball," Pat McCarthy, senior said.

The team clung to each other as they walked off the court for the last time.

"We played the best that we could, McCarthy said. "That is all that we can do."

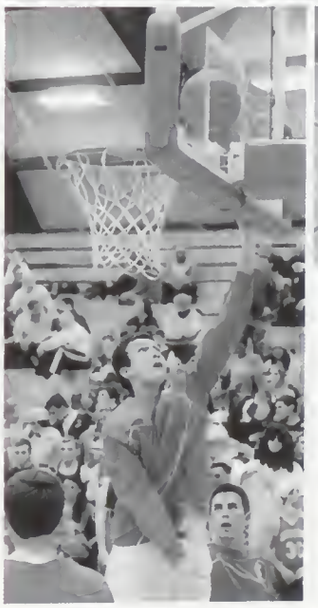
The boys finished the season just the way they started: strong.

"We came in with the mind-set that we were going to take it all," McCarthy said. "We tried out best."

Leaving basketball behind was one thing, but leaving friendship was another.

"It was one of the worst feelings because I had so many good memories with the guys on my team," McCarthy said. "I never wanted it to end."

◀ UP AND OUT The team felt the end of the season a little harder than usual as they hug after the game. "It all hit me at once," Pat McCarthy, senior, said.



GAME PLANS

When off court, the boys got ready to play

◀ KEEPING IT COOL, Warming up before the game, Nikki Mandic, junior, takes the ball to the net. "I practiced 5 shots from around the arc and did my Ken Croner (trainer) stretches before I got in," Mandic said. ▲ ON TO THE NEXT, Coach Michael Hackett, health teacher guides Luke Wuchenich, senior, on what to do during the next play. "We try to focus on ourselves more than we focus on our opponent." ▲ TOGETHER AS ONE, the boys chant and prepare to play. "The pre-game huddle was a tradition that has been passed down for several years," Michael Hayes, junior, said. "It was our one last hoorah to get a boost of energy before we got ready to play."

MORE TO THE STORY

By dedicating their Lyrical dance, the Dance team honored a student who passed away

Stepping off the gym floor, tears are shed as Dance team members continue to feel the emotional performance they just gave. With the passing of Colleen Lusk, junior, the team decided to dedicate their Lyrical dance to Colleen and her life.

"Even though the dance was dedicated to Colleen, it definitely was not sad," Meredith Simmons, junior, said. "It was more of a celebration of her life."

Although the dance was not originally made for Colleen, after her death, it seemed like a perfect fit to dedicate it to her and give the girls a purpose behind their dancing.

"In the beginning, we were really struggling with the emotion of the dance," Simmons said. "Once we dedicated it to her, we had something to think of and something to dance for."

Even for members of the team who did not know Colleen, it still meant something. The dedication to Colleen made winning State in Lyrical even more rewarding for the team, according to Simmons.

"After we won, a girl on the team goes 'First for Colleen,' and everyone felt that," Simmons said. "It wasn't just our win. We knew this dance was for her. It deserved first place. She deserved first place."

▶ STRONG BASE Using Meredith Simmons, junior, as her support, Co-Captain Gina Catania, senior, kicks while performing the team's Lyrical piece. "It (the dance) fit so well that we decided to dedicate it to her," Catania said.

JUST FOR KICKS

While performing, every move had certain essentials in order to make them perfect

KICK

- Straight legs
- Pointed feet
- Good posture

LEAP

- Bend knees before jumping
- Bend knees when landing

Source: Sugar Fane, freshman

▶ KICKING HER LEG UP, Sugar Fane, freshman, performs her solo at the Munster Dance Invite. "It was hard to portray my character during my solo," Fane said. "But when I performed it, it felt really good." ▼ LEAPING THROUGH THE AIR, Julianne Rice, junior, dances while at the Munster Dance Invite. "Performing my solo made me really nervous," Rice said. "But it was a great experience."

DOUBLE TIME

Along with multiple competitions, the Dance team also performed at halftime at football and basketball games

◀ ON THE SIDELINES, Co-Captain Sarah Sharpe, senior, and Julianne Rice, junior, cheer at a football game. "Dancing at games was fun because we got to pump up the crowd," Rice, junior, said. ◀ JUMPING IN THE AIR, Co-Captain Sarah Sharpe, senior, performs at a basketball game. "Games were fun because we got to perform in front of our classmates," Sharpe said. ▼ OPENING THEIR SENIOR GIFTS, seniors Morgan Kaptur and Co-Captain Gina Catania look at a photo album they received from their teammates. "Even though our season was much longer, it was fun to have a senior night for football," Kaptur said.

STATE of the ART

With winning State in Lyrical and placing second in Jazz and Pom, the Dance team ended the year on a high note

Walking into New Castle High School, the biggest fieldhouse in the nation becomes much more intimidating than previously thought. Excitement and nervousness fill the air. The team prepares for what they worked for all year—the State Championships.

"When you first walked into the school, your stomach dropped as soon as you saw the gym floor," Sugar Fane, freshman, said. "You were also constantly worrying about not messing up."

Winning the Lyrical category and the Ensemble category and receiving second in Jazz and Pom, the Dance team believed it was a successful year.

"When we won Lyrical, we were excited because there was a lot of competition this year, and we worked really hard for it," Co-Captain Sarah Sharpe, senior, said. "When we won Ensemble, we were so excited because we put in a lot of extra work, and the extra hours paid off."

For seniors on the team, it was about more than doing well. It was also about making their last moments on the Dance team count.

"Since it was my last year going into State, I felt there was a lot more dedication being put into it," Co-Captain Gina Catania, senior, said. "It was a lot more important that we did better as a team to make it a memorable last moment."

◀ ALL TOGETHER Turning during their Poms dance, the Dance team performs at the Munster Dance team showcase. "The whole team was really close," Co-Captain Sarah Sharpe said. "Even though it was a really long ten months together, it was really sad when the season ended."

OUT of the PARK

With a record-breaking year, Varsity Baseball had a successful season with many victories

Walking off the field after their last conference game, players congratulate each other on another win and their newfound title of Conference Co-Champions. With a season full of victories and a record of 25-3, the coach and players felt proud of all of their accomplishments.

"This was one of the best seasons I've had in all of my years while coaching here," Coach Bob Shinkan, math teacher, said.

Along with strong scores, the team also broke many school and state records. They broke the record for most shutouts in a season and tied the record for the most doubles in a season.

"Breaking these records felt great," David Hladek, senior, said. "We knew we had a good team coming in, and it felt good to accomplish what we knew we could."

The season's success was brought on by more than skills alone, however. A strong family atmosphere brought the team together on and off the field.

"Our team has been playing together for a while now," Hladek said. "This year we became like a family."

Along with a family atmosphere, strong leadership had a large impact on the team and their relationships with each other.

"The seniors really brought everyone in as the same, regardless of whether they were a starter or a nonstarter, and everyone on the team contributed," Coach Shinkan said.

However, the season was about more than just winning, according to Coach Shinkan.

"My favorite part about this team was going out on the field every day with these guys and seeing all their positive attitudes," Coach Shinkan said.

▶ GETTING DOWN AND DIRTY Sliding into home plate, David Hladek, senior, watches as the umpire calls him out while Alex Del Rio (23), senior, stands by. "Mr. Shinkan (math teacher) was waving me around 3rd (base)," Hladek said. "It was a close play, so I slid into home but was called out."

MORE TO THE STORY

After the passing of a graduated player, baseball players decided to dedicate the season to him

Hats on and gloves in hand, members of Varsity Baseball prepare for their first game of the season. After the passing of Ryan Yates, '13, the team had a new perspective on the season and the sport.

"This season, we wanted to remember him by playing how hard he played and having as much fun as he had," Co-Captain Alex Coccia, senior, said.

One way the team chose to honor Ryan was through the first pitch on opening day. Ryan's father threw out the pitch and dedicated it to Ryan.

"It was pretty emotional, but I was honored to catch the pitch," Coccia said. "I was good friends with Ryan and his parents, so that was cool."

Ryan's passing was about more than dedication and remembrance, according to Coccia. It taught the team a few lessons.

"It put a lot into perspective for us," Coccia said. "It showed us that you never know how long you have, and you don't want to take things for granted."

▲ FOR RY Watching the game from the dug out, Joseph Bryant, junior, wears his "RY" baseball cap. Since Ryan Yates, '13, was a large part of the team and was going to come back and help coach, the team decided to honor him in many ways. They put "RY" on one of their hats and his number on the other. Sam Bell, senior, also brought Ryan's jersey to every game.

PITCH
PERFECT

MAKING THE **CALL**

Certain vocabulary came into play for both players and umpires

STRIKE
when a pitch is thrown and the batter fails to swing or hit the ball

STRIKE OUT
when a pitcher throws three strikes

BALL
when a pitch is thrown and is not located in the strike zone

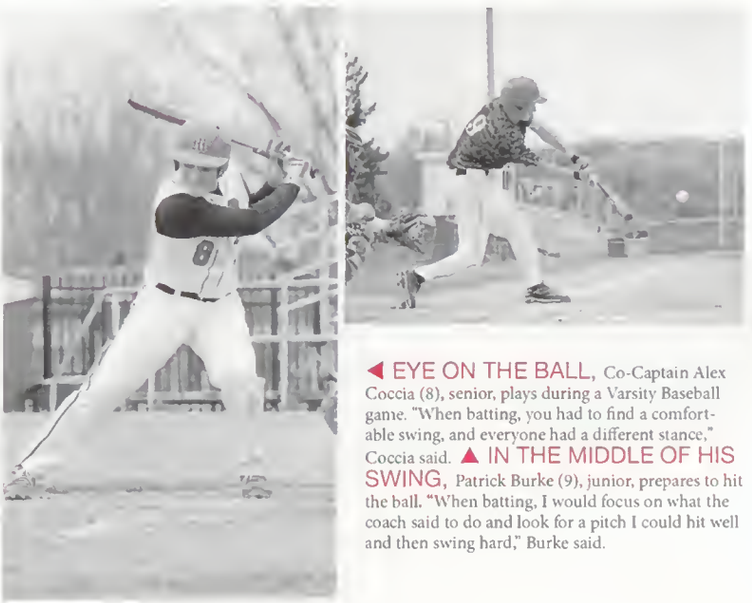
WALK
when four balls are thrown and the batter advances to first base

SAFE
when a runner runs to a base and is not out

Source: Trevor Brooks, sophomore

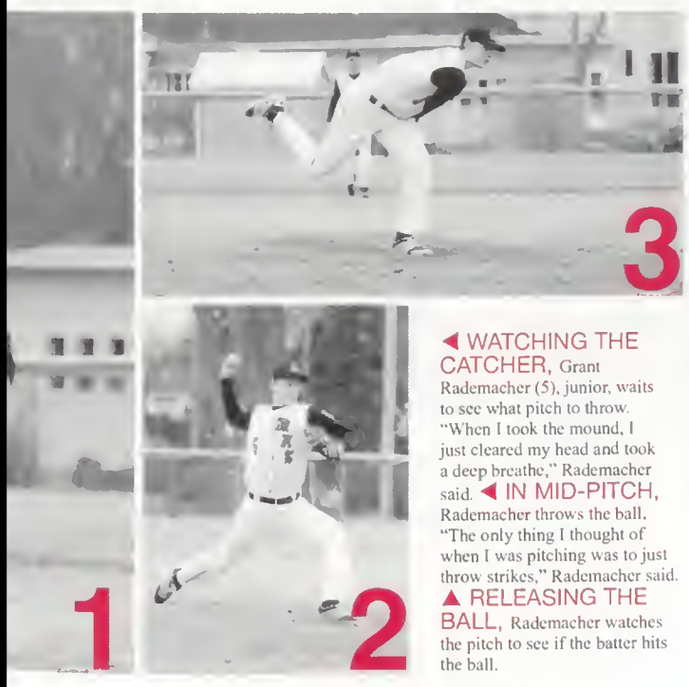
RIGHT OFF THE BAT

For baseball players, batting became an essential part of every game



◀ EYE ON THE BALL, Co-Captain Alex Coccia (8), senior, plays during a Varsity Baseball game. "When batting, you had to find a comfortable swing, and everyone had a different stance," Coccia said. ▲ IN THE MIDDLE OF HIS SWING, Patrick Burke (9), junior, prepares to hit the ball. "When batting, I would focus on what the coach said to do and look for a pitch I could hit well and then swing hard," Burke said.

Pitchers had different steps to follow and aspects to think about in order to make each pitch a strike



◀ WATCHING THE CATCHER, Grant Rademacher (5), junior, waits to see what pitch to throw. "When I took the mound, I just cleared my head and took a deep breathe," Rademacher said. ◀ IN MID-PITCH, Rademacher throws the ball. "The only thing I thought of when I was pitching was to just throw strikes," Rademacher said. ▲ RELEASING THE BALL, Rademacher watches the pitch to see if the batter hits the ball.

GOOD AS NEW

Along with adjusting to two new additions to their coaching staff, runners had a successful season

The runners walk onto the track. Along with their usual coaches greeting them, they are met with two new faces. Coaches Cara Germann and Brianne Rubesha, science teachers, both joined the staff of the track team as new additions, though the two worked on distinct events.

"I worked at Highland (High School) for two years and, when the job opened up here, I decided to take it since I enjoyed working with the kids on the track team," Coach Germann said. "I wanted to continue with that here as well."

Coach Germann began working with the hurdlers and sprinters as well as the four by one relay.

"I worked with her (Coach Germann) as a hurdler," Olivera Todorovic, junior, said. "I liked working with her because we got to learn from each other and got a new and different opinion."

Coach Rubesha, initially only hired as a teacher, worked with the long jump, high jump and sprinting events, as well as with the cross country team at the beginning of the year.

"I really didn't know what to expect or what the season would be like," Coach Rubesha said. "Both of us (the new coaches) already knew different techniques of coaching, so I thought it went very well."

Brittany Barajas, junior, also ran with the cross country team and had a chance to work with Coach Rubesha (even though she focused on the high and long jump events.)

"Coach Rubesha was wonderful," Barajas said. "She was a great coach, and even though she didn't coach me for track, she was still always cheering me on and supporting me, as well as the other runners."

Both coaches provided valuable support and advice to make the team's season a successful one.

"They wanted us to be successful so it showed through how supportive they were and how they coached," Todorovic said.

HURDLING HERO

Runner Casey Boelt, junior, had to focus on several aspects of her hurdling as she competed during a meet

THE APPROACH

"I just thought about a trick Coach (Richard) Sluder, (social studies teacher), taught me, to attack each hurdle by sprinting a little faster three strides before reaching the approaching hurdle."

THE JUMP

"I had to remind myself while going over the hurdle to keep my arms in to not lose my balance and to make sure I kept my form."

THE LANDING

"After landing, I had to focus on gaining my speed back, so I sped up as much as I could between the hurdles."

Source: Casey Boelt, junior

◀ **SPRINTING TOWARDS THE FINISH,** Zola Carter, sophomore, competes in the 400 meter dash against various teams at the team's Sectionals competition. "I worked with (Coach) Germann and (Coach)Rubesha a lot for my event," Carter said. "They really helped us all do well this season." ▼ **A SMILE ON HER FACE,** Coach Cara Germann, science teacher, offers advice to runner Sammy Buvala, sophomore. "It's always fun to work with a new group and see how far they can go in one season," Coach Germann said.

SNOW MUCH FUN

To condition, runners made the most of shoveling the snowy track

▲ **TAKING A BREAK FROM SHOVELING,** Brittany Barajas, junior, and Maggie Anderson, sophomore, run through the snow with their teammates. "I honestly had so much fun that time the team shoveled the track because of the people that I spent it with," Barajas said. "We could turn any random workout into something fun by just chatting and laughing with each other." ◀ **HANDS FULL OF SNOW,** Elaine Zmuda, senior, plays on the field with her teammates after shoveling the track for practice. "I guess we were somewhat used to snow since we try to run outside as often as possible, but this was more than normal," Zmuda said. "We had fun because we were all friends and always tried to have a good time at track (practice), even when doing something as ridiculous as shoveling the track."

▲ **RUNS IN THE FAMILY** Explaining a pole vaulting technique, Miles Gunty, '13, attends a meet to help coach his sister, Sydney Gunty, senior. "We first learned pole vaulting together from the same coach, so we had the same background in the event, which helped," Sydney said.

MORE TO THE STORY

Pairs of siblings on the track team supported each other throughout the season

The car swings into the south parking lot. Kristina Todorovic, senior, steps out, followed by her younger sister Olivera Todorovic, junior. The two grab matching duffel bags and head to track practice together, a ritual they have practiced ever since middle school.

"I always wanted to join track, and her doing it in middle school definitely got me into it," Olivera said. "It was like I was following in her footsteps."

Though the two competed in different events, they regularly saw each other at practices and meets.

"Kristina did the 100 and 200 meters and the 4 by 1 relay, and I did hurdles, 100 and 300 (meters)," Olivera said. "When she was running I held her block and I cheered for her, and when I was running she held my block and cheered for me."

Sydney Gunty, senior, and her brother Miles Gunty, '13, also worked together on their shared event, pole vaulting. Even though Miles graduated last year, he still came back to help her with his own knowledge of the event.

"He came back to support me and help coach me because he had the same background and could give me feedback on things I might forget," Sydney said. "I loved when he came because we had a close relationship. I knew I could always look up to him and depend on him for help."

DRESSED FOR SUCCESS

On game day golfers picked their uniforms for tournaments

HAT PRICE: $25

SHIRT PRICE: $65

BELT PRICE: $20

SHORTS PRICE: $60

SHOES PRICE: $100

Source: Kyle Wilkinson, senior

▶ GAME CLOTHES In his uniform, Captain Kyle Wilkinson, senior, watches his putt. "You were free to wear anything except we usually tried to wear matching shirts," Wilkinson said.

CLOSE CALL

With a winning streak at the start of the season, the boys faced tough competition at the NCC Conference Tournament against Andrean golfers

Waiting off of the green, the team anticipates the scores of the NCC Conference Tournament at Sandy Pine golf course. After being tallied, it turns out the Boys' victory streak ends at that tournament against Andrean.

"We didn't play well as a team so a couple of us struggled, but Andrean played really well," Captain Kyle Wilkinson, senior, said. "We lost, but we won undefeated in other matches and tournaments, but we lost the actual tournament."

Since the boys went undefeated all season prior to the Conference tournament, both Andrean and Munster shared the title of Conference champions.

"It was kind of a sour taste because who likes sharing," Captain Matt Specht, senior, said. "But, it was better than not having it at all."

Practicing and pep-talks from Coach Bill Smitka, social studies teacher, helped the team to share the Conference title, according to Vince D'Angelo, sophomore.

"I thought the greatest thing we had going for us was confidence," D'Angelo said. "We had a lot of talent, and we were very confident going into the season."

Teammates playing with confidence also helped to boost the morale of other players, according to Wilkinson.

"We just had people step up and we played well. For the most part, everybody contributed," Wilkinson said. "There was no real pressure since we were all pretty close. It pumped everybody up so there was not much tension."

▶ GO FOR THE GREEN Past the flag stick, John Karamichos, sophomore, aims for the hole. "I just thought about trying to relax," Karamichos said. "I focused on what I needed to do really."

UP TO PAR

For matches, the players practiced at Centennial Park

◀ LOOKING DOWN, Drew Hackett, junior, checks his score. "I was happpy with how it (practice) went," Hackett said.

◀CLUB IN HAND, Captain Matt Specht, senior, practice swings. "Centennial provided a challenge day in and out," Matt said. "It provided a home course advantage when we had matches there." ▼ PUTTING, Luke Wuchenich, senior, measures his distance to the hole. "Centennial's greens are slower than greens around the area so I had to hit my putts harder," Wuchenich said.

MORE TO THE STORY

The boys' roster featured a variety of players in other school activities

As spring begins, debater Vince D'Angelo, sophomore, basketball player Drew Hackett, junior, and seniors Kyle Wilkinson, football player, and Matt Specht, swimmer, shift gears and prepare for the golf season.

"I thought personally the sport was one that attracted well-rounded people," D'Angelo said. "It was a thinking game, and you had to be flexible in terms of how to approach certain situations. I thought it attracted a variety of people with some commonalities."

The sport was also easier to focus on since it required more individual rather than team preparation, according to Hackett.

"It was a different sport because all the other sports were like team-oriented and in golf it was just yourself," Hackett said. "It was more one-on-one by yourself."

◀ PRACTICE TIME Club in hand, Drew Hackett, junior, checks out his swing. "Golf was a lot more laid back. It was not too hard to manage," Hackett said. "Playing basketball and football would have ben a lot harder to play."

EYE ON THE BALL

From the first tee off to the final putt, the boys kept their focus for every match

◀ ABOUT TO TEE OFF THE FAIRWAY, Captain Matt Specht, senior, plans his shot. "(I thought) to hit the fairway and set myself up for the rest of the hole," Matt said. ▲ WALKING TO THE GREEN, Captain Kyle Wilkinson, senior, clears his thoughts. "While approaching the green I usually didn't focus until I got to my ball and then I focused on my next shot," Wilkinson said. ◀ MEASURING HIS DISTANCE, Adam Wories, junior, prepares to putt."You had to focus because you had to keep your putt straight," Wories said.

UNDERSTANDING THE LINGO

During games and practices, the girls use several terms

DINGER
Slang for a home run

BUNT
An offensive play where the batter hits the pitch softly into the ground

ASSIST
A throw or deflection of the ball from one player to another that either results in a putout or would have resulted in a putout if an error occurred

HOT CORNER
Slang for third base

HOT STICK
Slang for any batter on a hitting streak

PICKLE
Term for a rundown, a play in which a runner is caught between two bases and two or more fielders attempt to chase her down and tag her out

Source: http://softball.isport.com and Lizzie Della Rocco

GAME TIME

At anytime during the game, players could be seen on the field engaged in plays

▲ CATCHING THE BALL, Maddy Moore, junior, watches the ball as it lands into her glove. "I thought about where I needed to be after the ball was hit and what I could do to help the team," Moore said. ▶ WATCHING THE BALL, Taylor Michaliski, senior, prepares to hit the upcoming pitch. ▶ GOING FOR THE HIGH FIVE, juniors Katie Gloff and Taylor Kotzo celebrate a play. "I played softball because I enjoyed being a part of a team and I had always enjoyed playing sports or doing something athletic," Gloff said. ▶ BETWEEN PLAYS, Nicole Howard (20), freshman, Cathy Lebryk (13), senior, juniors Tegan Murphy and Maddy Moore (14), came together. "It was a little team-bonding thing," Moore said. ▶ TAKING OFF FOR HOME, Taylor Kotzo, junior, watches the ball. "Shortstop had a lot of responsibilities and a lot of range on the field to cover," Kotzo said, "It was so exciting and I loved it."

BRINGING IT HOME

After a rough regular season, Varsity Softball took on Sectionals and won for the seventh consecutive season

With the sun shining down on the field from between the clouds and with the wind softly blowing in her face, Michaella Lorenz, sophomore, steps up to the plate as the next batter. As she sweeps the dirt off the plate and gets ready for the pitch, Lorenz reminds herself of her teammates who will be right behind her, no matter what happens. But, in the end, the team won their seventh sectional title.

"The best part was how we all came together as a team and won as a team with an equal contribution from every individual player," Lorenz said.

For the girls on the team, communication played a key part of the game. During their game against Lowell for the sectional title, the girls relied on one another to make every point count.

"We knew we could count on each other," Tegan Murphy, junior, said, "In any close games when we were down, we could always count on someone to get a big hit, even if you were not the one doing it, and that is what happened during the Lowell game."

From the success of some games, through the losses of others, the girls recognized their weakness and built on their strengths in order to maintain their title.

"Since the beginning of the season, I really thought we had come a long way," Lorenz said. "I was really proud of our team."

The road to the win was rough for the team. Their regular season was a bit bumpy, but they reached their goal of winning Sectionals proudly. After such a great win, the girls left with not just a trophy in their arms, but also a unique bond with one another that only grew stronger.

"I would not have wanted to play with any other group of girls," Cathy Lebryk, senior, said.

▶ GOING FOR HOME During their game against Valparaiso, Sadie Conner, senior, focuses on sprinting to home plate. "Whenever I was in the field, I thought about making the play, and if I didn't make the play, then making the next play," Conner said.

▲ AT THE MOUND During a game, Cathy Lebryk, senior, pitches. "When we had pitcher-catcher sessions, if the underclassmen were with me, I usually helped them with the pitch if they were struggling," Lebryk said, "In a game, I helped them with the mental part in between innings."

MORE TO THE STORY

After four years of playing on the JV and Varsity team, Cathy Lebryk, senior, leaves as the team's pitcher

Eyes focused on the opposing batter. With a deep breath, Cathy Lebryk, senior, throws her final pitch of her Munster High School softball career, leaving sophomores Amanda Osterhus and Kelsie Kasper to take her place as pitcher.

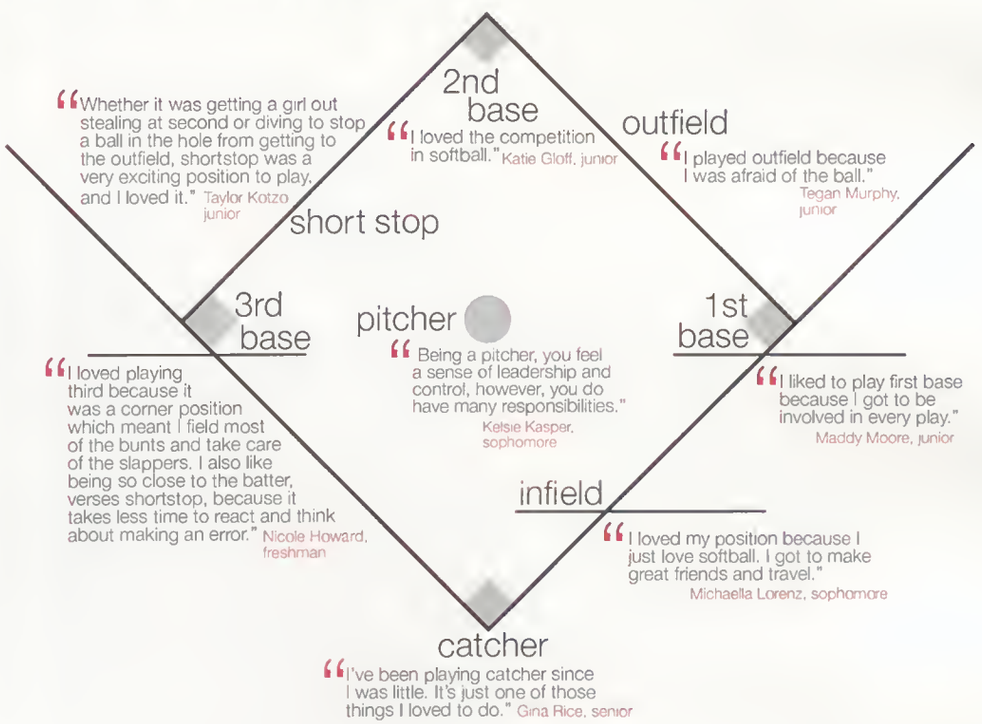
"I loved the feeling of being on the mound and having control of the game within my fingertips," Lebryk said, "The rush that I got when playing couldn't be replaced. It's my life and I don't think I could do the things I do without it."

Throughout the season, the girls banded together during practice to prepare themselves for their position. Lebryk guided the girls to be both mentally and physically prepared when pitching during a game.

"She (Cathy) always told me how decent the mound was, as well as the umpire's strike zone," Osterhus said, "Cathy was always letting me know about hitter's abilities and how she got out of innings quickly."

AROUND THE DIAMOND

Each position on the team had its own purpose, and each player had a certain love for their position and the game


2nd base
"I loved the competition in softball." Katie Gloff, junior
"Whether it was getting a girl out stealing at second or diving to stop a ball in the hole from getting to the outfield, shortstop was a very exciting position to play, and I loved it." Taylor Kotzo junior
short stop
outfield
"I played outfield because I was afraid of the ball." Tegan Murphy, junior
3rd base
pitcher
"Being a pitcher, you feel a sense of leadership and control, however, you do have many responsibilities." Kelsie Kasper, sophomore
1st base
"I liked to play first base because I got to be involved in every play." Maddy Moore, junior
"I loved playing third because it was a corner position which meant I field most of the bunts and take care of the slappers. I also like being so close to the batter, verses shortstop, because it takes less time to react and think about making an error." Nicole Howard, freshman
infield
"I loved my position because I just love softball. I got to make great friends and travel." Michaella Lorenz, sophomore
catcher
"I've been playing catcher since I was little. It's just one of those things I loved to do." Gina Rice, senior

UP, UP AND AWAY

Zach Simic, sophomore, takes his event, high jump, one jump at a time

STEP 1

"During your approach to the bar, you have to build up lots of speed."

STEP 2

"When you're about to jump, you need to have a short, quick and powerful step to get you as high in the air as possible."

STEP 3

"When you go over the bar you have to make sure you are as flexible as you can. Timing is key."

Source: Zach Simic, sophomore

ON the BRINK

Competing strong all season, the boys dive into Sectionals giving it a run for their money

"Work boots," Coach John Stamper, physical education teacher, yells as the team staggers out of the bus at 3:45 p.m.

Coach Stamper reminds the boys that while they have their "princess shoes on at practice," it's time to put on the "work boots" for Sectionals.

"It was the team motto or rallying cry," Coach Stamper said.

The Mustangs excelled in almost every race they ran, but it was only because practice paid off, according to Coach Stamper.

"We practiced everyday the characteristics the team lacked," Coach Stamper said. "But also things that were important, like handoffs."

8:05 p.m. marks the time on the scoreboard as the last relay, the 4x4, is finished up. The announcer called the outcome of the Sectional meet counting down to first place.

"The second place finisher is Munster High School, and our Sectional Champs are...Gary West Side," the announcer said.

West Side piles onto the field chanting, while the Mustangs hung their heads as they gave up the title as reigning Sectional Champs.

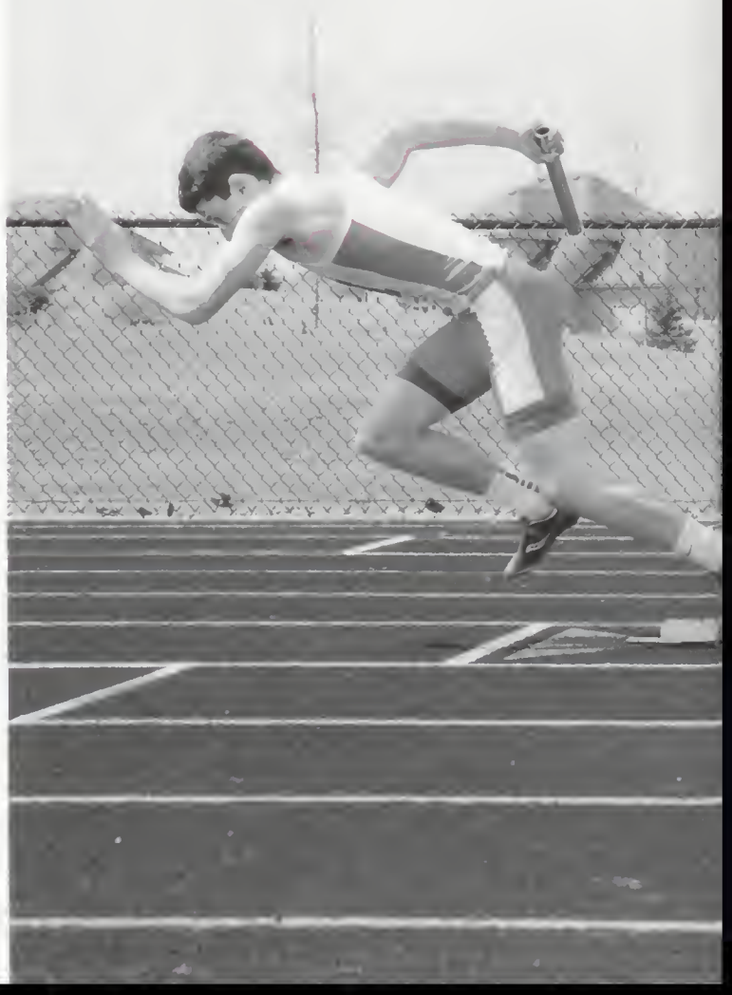
"It felt like we had won," Coach Stamper said. "We were supposed to be 27 point underdogs, we weren't supposed to be that close."

The team lost by four points, but nothing went wrong. Only right, according to Coach Stamper.

"We made up 23 points on West Side to even be as close as we were." Coach Stamper said. "It turns out that their 100 meter dash runners were very deep. They actually scored three guys in that race, which proved to be the difference."

Sectionals did not deteriorate the boys' spirit.

"Our boys were tough and were not ready to give up yet," Coach Stamper said.



▶ HEAD START Pushing off the blocks, Matt Marcus, freshman, begins his race. "I work with athletes on correcting body movements in order to maximize their sprint," Coach Mary Kate Conway said.

PRACTICE PERFECT

Conditioning and practicing everyday made perfect for the team during their season

◀ PRACTICING FOR STRENGTH, Nick Bleza, junior, conditions under a hurdle, preparing for the upcoming season. "I run the 200 meter and I loved the competition," Bleza said.

▼ UNDER THE HURDLE, Coach Mary Kate Conway works with a member of the track team to improve flexibility and teach proper squat technique. "My job is to work with them to improve their individual strengths and weakness, specifically with sprinters. I love hand-offs," Coach Conway said.

MORE TO THE STORY

Clay Arnold, sophomore, wanted to pole vault his way to Regionals

Sprinting toward a vault with a pole in hand might be frightening to some, but for Clay Arnold, sophomore, it is a trade he did everyday all spring.

The ultimate goal in the pole vaulting event is to clear the tallest height of the approaching bar, putting the pole in the specific area and flinging over the pole gracefully.

"I only cleared 10 feet 6 inches," Arnold said. "My goal was to clear opening height at Regionals which is 12 feet."

The school record was broken last year by a Miles Gunty, '13, at 14 feet 6 inches.

But as easy as it looks, it takes time, practice and patience put forth by both the team and the coaches.

Practicing everyday after school made it a little bit easier, according to Arnold.

"I trained a lot with drills, weights and vaults in order to get better," Arnold said.

◀ SOARING, FLYING, The pole leans into the vault as Clay Arnold, sophomore, takes the lead over the bar. "I trained a lot this year," Arnold said.

GOFIGURE

Players practice and perfect all year toward making their seasons' best time in the season and championship

00:10.95	Miles Barilla, sophomore, in the 100 meter dash
00:44.51	4x1 meter relay team
03:25.61	4x4 meter relay team
00:15.07	Calvin Sanders, senior, in the 110 meter high hurddles
00:40.99	Calvin Sanders, senior, in the 300 meter high hurddles
04:23.05	Manny Lopez, junior, in the 1600 meter run (1 mile)
09:49.46	Ryan Kritzer, junior, in the 3200 meter run (2 miles)

Source: Coach John Stamper, Eads Elementary School physical education teacher

GREAT EXPECTATIONS

The tennis team experienced difficulties with meeting the expectations they set early on in the season

The girls had no words as their season ended with a loss to Crown Point at Regionals. This loss echoed their earlier unexpected defeat to Crown Point in their first invitational of the regular season and crushed their hopes of going to State.

"They (Crown Point) wanted it so bad," Kasey Kulesa, senior, said. "They were so eager to beat us again and steal the title. They somehow pulled it out."

After years of randomly selecting and losing to Carmel High School as their semi-state opponents, the team pulled Culver, who they considered a fair tournament match. Their season goal became to make state finals for the first time since 2008. However, they never got the chance to play for it at Semi-State.

"The one year we pull Culver, we didn't get to play them. We ended too early," Melissa Tepperman, senior, said. "Not only did we need to beat them to move on, but it was also Crown Point. We needed our comeback. That was the match to win."

The season-opening loss to Crown Point became the driving force for the rest of their season as motivation to play well.

"Its been a staple of our season," Danica Obradovic, senior, said. "Coach (Patrick Spohr, Wilbur Wright Middle School teacher, would tell us) 'play like you will when you face Crown Point again.'"

Even though they did not get the post season they had hoped for, the girls were proud of their performance with the final score of 3-2.

"We were all leaders and even though it didn't end the way we wanted it to, we had a lot of good matches together during the season," Kulesa said. "I'd say it was a success even if it didn't work out the way we wanted it to. Crown Point will probably be our rival next season."

TENNIS TERMS

While playing, the girls use several tennis terms

HAPPY FEET
Feet that are constantly moving

POACHING EGGS
Running into the net while trying to hit a ball

DONUT
Winning a game 6-0

LOVE
When one player has scored zero points

DOUBLES
Playing a tennis match with a partner

SINGLES
Playing a tennis match without a partner

Source: seniors Melissa Tepperman and Danica Obradovic and Anisha Vavilala, sophomore

▲ TENNIS GRUNT Returning the ball, Jessica Rooth, senior, relies on only herself to perform during a game. "In singles, it's just you," Rooth said. "You decide how the point will go. You're never counting on someone else to make the next shot."

SERVING UP TROUBLE

▲ MAKING HER SERVE, Anisha Vavilala, sophomore, looks to start the point in her favor. "A serve sets the tone for a point," Vavilala said. "If you have a weak serve and you're against a good opponent, you're much more likely to lose the point." ▶ TOSSING UP THE BALL, Danica Obradovic, senior, considers her serve an important part of her game. "Serving starts each game," Obradovic said. "If you don't get the ball in, you're giving your opponent a free point." ▶ SWINGING FOR THE BALL, Kasey Kulesa, senior, makes aim a part of her serve. "I always think of placement when I serve," Kulesa said. "I usually try to hit the corners because it's harder for the other player to return."

◀ SWINGING HER RACKET, Nikki Heiniger, junior, keeps her eye on the ball in order to return it. "I tried to stay focused on each point and take them one at a time to win," Heiniger said. ◀ HIGH FIVING, doubles partners Kasey Kulesa and Melissa Tepperman, seniors, show support to each other after winning a point. "Knowing you got to run back to them and high five them, you played for both of you." Tepperman said. "Knowing they were behind you proud of what you were doing at the net and that you're proud of what they're doing back there, it's teamwork." ▼ LOUNGING BY THE COURT, freshmen Lilly Stooksbury and Perima Shah and sophomores Caitlyn Knor and Journey Westfield spend time bonding as a team. "Spending time as a team meant so much to me," Shah said. "I looked forward to practice every day because the girls on our team were amazing and I loved spending time with and learning from them"

Players used serving to gain an advantage

▲ HANGING OUT In between matches, seniors Danica Obradovic and Jessica Rooth and Nikki Heiniger, junior, hung out with Coach Patrick Spohr, Wilbur Wright Middle School teacher. "It was always really easy to relate to (Coach) Spohr and he was able to joke around with us," Obradovic said. "I think it really helped contribute to how close we got throughout the season."

MORE TO THE STORY

A new coach made the season more enjoyable and productive

The team walks onto the court for the first time this season. Instead of being greeted by a familiar face, they were met with their new coach, Patrick Spohr, Wilbur Wright Middle School teacher.

"He was more laid back and relaxed, but at the same time was just as intense on the court," Nikki Heiniger, junior, said. "He really put our players where they needed to be."

The team also appreciated the coach's young age because it made him approachable, according to Danica Obradovic, senior.

"He was young and athletic. He would come out and hit around balls with us, and we were more comfortable approaching him with our problems," Obradovic said.

Spohr became their motivator as he rallied the team after losing their invitational against Crown Point. He printed out the Northwest Indiana Times article describing their loss and gave it to each of them as a reminder of what they were playing for.

"This was one of my favorite seasons, and Coach made a big difference in that," Melissa Tepperman, senior, said. "I'm sad we didn't win it all for him."

MORE THAN OURSELVES

The bell rings, we turn in our Pre-Calculus test, pack up and head to the next class where a Chemistry lab awaits. As the day comes to a close, we prepare ourselves for the rigorous football practice after school. Between APUSH tests, basketball games and Speech tournaments, it can be hard to find time for us.

It's when we take a step back and realize that the little things are what made us truly unique. It was moments like finding our perfect lab partner or celebrating our sweet sixteen with our best friends. It was walking three miles to raise money for children's rights. It was going to the "Catching Fire" midnight premiere and feeling the loss of sleep the next day at school.

When we forget about the AP Composition paper and the band competitions and remember that it's in the moments in between that we appreciate who we are. We work every day after school at Butterfinger's. We go to concerts every weekend. We obsess over our fantasy football league. We hang out with our friends at Dunkin Donuts every day.

We break stereotypes. We give back. We obsess. We reach milestones. It's in these moments where we realize that the little things are what truly make us

GETTING CREATIVE Taking a break at the CRY Walk, Cassidy Schwartz, senior, designs a Henna tattoo on Anisha Vavilala, sophomore. "I was really happy with the CRY walk," Anisha said. "I love the cause because the whole point was to help promote children's rights in several countries around the world."

from MUNSTER, with LOVE

Hearts In Motion and CRY are two organizations that give a new definition to what it means to volunteer

In the summer of 2011, [redacted], senior, visited Kolkata, India where he felt the impact of the poverty there. From that point on, he made it his mission to help change the world in any way he could. In India he began to tutor children in English and came back to Munster with a motivation to help those in need. This is where Ian's journey with Hearts In Motion (H.I.M.) began.

H.I.M. gives care and medical support to communities in the United States, Central America and South America through a local resale shop where some of their profits go towards various projects. Students, like Ian, work and volunteer in various parts of the store and help towards the effort to better other people's lives.

"I volunteered at H.I.M. after quitting my last job and needed something to do over the summer," Ian said. "I had previously tutored English to children in India, and understood the poverty facing South Americans and what H.I.M. was doing."

There is also Child Right and You America (CRY America), a nonprofit organization that works to restore the basic rights to underprivileged children in India. They work to define the four rights every child should have, the right to nutrition, to education, to protection from abuse and to express their thoughts.

"I've always taken a deep interest in international policies and events, so joining an international nonprofit like CRY that focuses on fixing these things was a perfect way for me to continue learning about these events and policies and to help make an impact from within our community," [redacted], senior, said.

H.I.M. and CRY America have created different ways of giving a helping hand beyond local communities. They are organizations committed to making a difference in the world.

GETTING THEIR 4 HOURS IN

Project X members were required to do a minimum of four hours of volunteering per month

"I helped to get the Thanksgiving baskets ready, and I went to Ultra, where we got pies and made meals for several families."

Skyler Grodkiewicz, freshman

"I have collected food for St. Paul's and Ms.Westland offers different volunteering opportunities for us, so that helps."

Ari Crowe, sophomore

"I usually do whatever, I do recycling also she puts things on Moodle, so whatever she puts up also."

Eric Horvath, junior

"I volunteer at a hospital."

Joe Yurek, senior

▶ HELPING HANDS Cookies, sacks of potatoes and baskets scattered everywhere, freshmen Stephanie Vjestica and Mary Kate Pruzin stuff Thanksgiving baskets for Project X. " It's a lot of fun because you get to help people in your community during a time of need, and it's fun," Mary Kate said.

WHERE IN THE WORLD DOES IT ALL GO?

Hearts In Motion and Child Rights and You, or CRY, have been sending money and support to those in need in India and South America

HEARTS IN MOTION

81.31% of profits go to international programs
10.03% of profits go to domestic programs

Over the past nine years, 411,339 children, 2,259 villages and slums are helped through support projects

CHILD RIGHTS AND YOU

Source: heartsinmotion.org; america.cry.org

EARTH IN MOTION Ian Clark, senior, hands change back to a customer at the store, Hearts In Motion. "Volunteering in my mind is simply selflessness. I give up a large amount of my time and do work for nothing in return. Everything that I get out of it is internal: the sense of accomplishment, the happiness in seeing those I help lead an easier life in part because of my efforts," Ian said. **HENNA COME IN HAND** Elaine Zmuda, senior, designs a Henna tattoo design on junior Prabhneet Girn's hand during the CRY walk. "It was my second year attending the CRY Walk. I started going after Nathalie Kauz told me about it. It sounded like a good cause and a fun time," Elaine said.

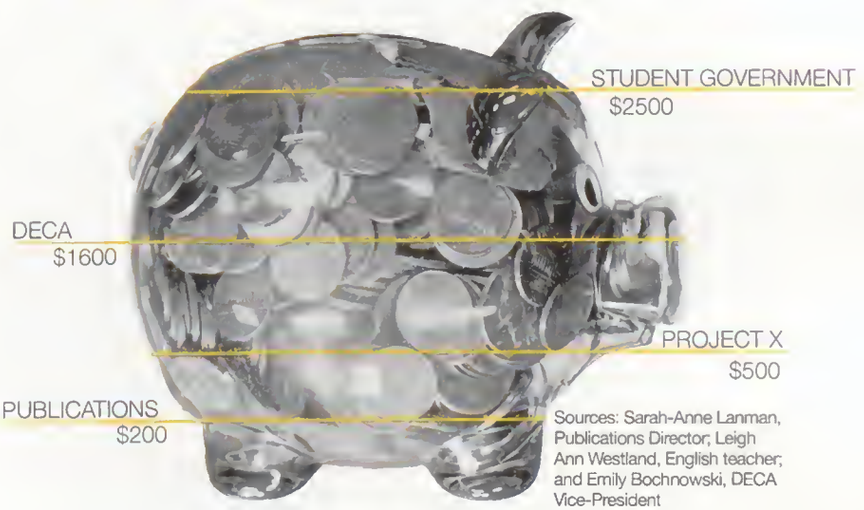
STOCKING UP

Student Government held their annual food drive in November, where they collected hundreds of cans for those in need during the holidays

ARMS FILLED WITH DONATIONS seniors Niko Ingoglia and Sammi Koufos struggle to carry the cans from that day's donations for the food drive. "It is one of my favorite projects that we do in Student Government. It truly is such a great thing that we do school wide to help people in need at an important time of the year," Sammi said. **ADDING MORE TO THE PILE**, Eashan Kumar, senior, sets down more bags filled with cans during the annual Student Government Food Drive. "It was a success. We were able to raise over 1,200 cans and $200 in donations," Eashan said.

EVERY PENNY COUNTS

Many extracurriculars here raise money for various charities throughout the year. The most popular charity Munster helped was the fight against Cystic Fibrosis



Sources: Sarah-Anne Lanman, Publications Director; Leigh Ann Westland, English teacher; and Emily Bochnowski, DECA Vice-President

milestone BIRTHDAYS mean the MOST

High school birthdays created memories and new opportunities with each and every upcoming year

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CERTIFIED SKILLS

Driver's school was one of the perks of Antoine Van Dkye, sophomore, turning 15

Sitting through another lecture on road safety, [redacted], sophomore, rests his head in his palm and listens because, in the long run, it will help him.

"I went to Certified for Driver's Ed," Anotine said. "It was recommended by a family friend, and I am really glad I went there."

After he finished his course, he could only do one thing: wait. May 2, he got his license that he worked very hard for.

"It'll be nice to have it in my hand," Antoine said.

▶ DRIVE SAFELY Ready to get his permit stamped by Jerry Mazur, Certified Driver's School Founder, Antoine Van Dyke, sophomore, prepares himself for a big step in his life. "I was one step closer," Antoine said.

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SWEETEST SIXTEEN

Sixteen embodies a milestone birthday, especially for Mega Dafiaghor, sophomore

Sixteen is a very special year in the life of the average high schooler; the year you become accepted into the world of everything that is grown up.

Sitting at her party, [redacted], sophomore, smiles, surrounded by all of her cakes and presents.

"I threw a black light party," Mega said. "It was my idea."

Surrounded by all her cakes and presents, Mega smiles as she sits at her party.

"We had awesome food like chocolate fondue and a basket full of gummies," Mega said.

Aging brought on growing up and added more responsibility to their daily lives.

"I will be driving very soon," Mega said.

"I miss nothing about being 15," [redacted]

◀ COVERED IN STICKERS decorating her a locker, Ruth Kurowski, freshman, prepares to pamper her best friend on her birthday. "She was happy to see the locker but even more happy to eat the candy," Ruth said. ▲ SURROUNDED BY CARE Mega Dafiaghor, sophomore, smiles for her friends and family members. "(Being 16) meant that I got to be one of the 'big kids' that I would always see when I was little," Mega said.

"Being able to see R movies is pretty cool,"

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AT A PREMIERE Standing in line at AMC theaters, Lily Hasler, junior, prepares herself for her first rated-R movie in the actual theater. "We saw 'Labor Day,'" Lily said.

DON'T KEEP IT PG-13

Lily Hasler, junior, turned 17 and indulged in the art of rated R movies

Well there is not much exciting that happens when you reach 17 years other than the fact that you are not 16 anymore. Oh, and R rated movies.

[redacted], junior, turned 17 and immediately went to see an R rated movie.

"Being a year closer to getting out of high school was always a plus," Lily said.

Growing up does had its vices, when jumping from one age to another.

"I always felt like there was a maturity gap between 16 and 17," Lily said. "I miss being able to say I was an innocent 16 year old."

ADULT WORLD

The selection of rated R movies teenagers have at the movies

MOVIE	RELEASE DATE
That Awkward Moment	Jan. 31, 2014
American Hustle	Dec. 20, 2013
The Wolf of Wall Street	Dec. 25, 2013
About Time	Dec. 8, 2013
Devil's Due	Jan. 17, 2014

source: Fandango

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I'LL ALWAYS HAVE YOU

After turning 18, Gina Rice, senior, got her first tattoo at Bugaboo Tattoo

Tattoos are a constant pain in [redacted], senior's, side, literally.

Just after turning 18, Gina got a tattoo with a phrase that one of her best friends came up with "Words can't say what love can do."

"I've always wanted a tattoo," Gina said. "After looking at a lot of different kinds, I thought a quote (would do.)"

JUST LIKE A TATTOO After surviving the painful part of the tattoo process, Gina Rice, senior, looks at the finished piece in the mirror with a smile on her face. "(A tattoo) on that part of the body would be easiest to hide if needed and still look beautiful," Gina said.

SEEING DOUBLE

Mr. Kevin Clyne, English teacher, and Ashley Sprinkles senior, shared the same big day

"This was the first birthday in 10-20 years that I was at work. Sarah-Anne Lanman, English teacher, bought me flowers and Leigh-Anne Westland, English teacher, and her daughter bought me little toys. I bought Ashley and cake and we shared it."

[redacted]

"I shared a cake with Mr. Clyne after school, then went out to Cracker Barrel with my family like I do every year, then I went to my friend's house and watched movies with him."

[redacted]

A CAKE AND SMILE Ashley Sprinkles, senior, smiles while cutting cake on her birthday. "Mr. Clyne and I shared a cake," Ashley said. **SHARING THE CAKING.** Ashley Sprinkles, senior, and Kevin Clyne, English teacher, share a cake on their birthday. "I brought a cake for us," Mr. Clyne said.

LEAN ON ME

Whether participating in dance or tennis, athletes relied on each other to perform their best

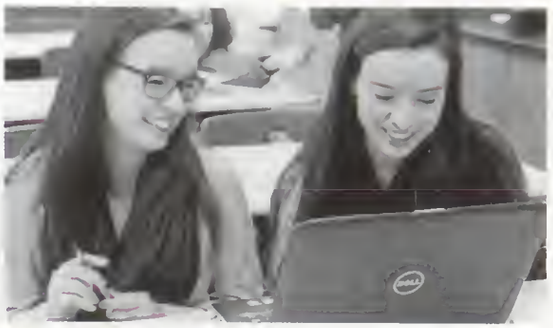
▶ DURING THE DANCE SHOWCASE freshmen Skyler Gronkiewicz and Stephanie Vjestica perform their duet. "I loved to perform with a partner," Skyler said. "Stephanie and I had a lot of fun performing together, and we loved to dance together. Some disadvantages were that we had to make sure we connected with each other and danced the exact same."

▼ PUCKETS IS HARD juniors Michael Rivich and Alex Wisniewski participate in tennis doubles. "I liked it (having a partner) more because it gave me someone that calmed me down when I got nervous," Alex said. "It was just easier when you had someone with you."

DOUBLE TROUBLE

Growing up together, the Beckman sisters did various things as a pair

> "We used to wear matching clothes everyday when we were younger. When we were in preschool, we went into the little playhouse, shut all the windows and switched clothes to trick our classmates."
>
> Elizabeth Beckman, Senior



▲ TWINNING During Zoology class, seniors Caroline and Elizabeth Beckman work together on an assignment. "I would say my favorite part of having a twin is always having a best friend around," Caroline said. "You never get lonely, and you always had someone to ask for homework help and study together."

▲ DYNAMIC DUO During speech practice, freshmen Alex Raycroft and Alyssa DeJoan run through their Memorized Duo Speech. "We basically did everything for each other," Alex said. "If I messed up, she got my back, and if she did, I got hers. We were with each other everyday after school and pushed each other to work harder."

▶ ALOHA BROTHER Posing for a picture, juniors Max Lawson and Dylan Pierie decide to dress alike for Twin Day during Spirit Week. "We decided to twin because we had been told that we had extremely similar figures, and we had similar tastes in style," Max said.

two IS BETTER than ONE

From lab partners to Best Buddies, students found benefits that came with having another person by their side

After finally being persuaded to join Best Buddies after participating in three semesters of Peer Mentoring, [redacted], senior, never anticipated developing such a close bond with her buddy [redacted], senior.

"I was expecting that we would get to know each other more," Alyse said. "I wasn't expecting to get so close to him and his family, and I didn't expect to become best friends with him."

From hanging out at each other's houses to visiting the fire station to attending basketball games, Alyse and Taylor became closer friends throughout the year.

"It went from me and him talking and seeing each other to getting so comfortable with each other," Alyse said. "He knew that he could count on me, and I could count on him. I think my favorite part was that he only opened up to certain people, and I was one of those people."

[redacted], senior, also felt a better connection with her buddy [redacted], junior, after spending time with her.

"By hanging out together and doing things together that we both liked to do, we were able to get to know each other better and always have a fun time," Anna said. "We would either go out to eat, go see a movie, have a sleep over or go to a knitting class that Zahra really enjoyed."

Best Buddies allowed Alyse and Anna to meet new people and allowed the buddies to feel a better connection within the school.

"The buddies got a chance to be a part of the school without any of the stigmas," Alyse said. "Nobody looked at them differently. They were just a part of the club. It (Best Buddies) had made me more responsible. It gave me a lifelong friend in Taylor."

◀ COOKIE TIME Icing cookies together, Anna Stooksbury, senior, and her buddy Zahra Moreno, junior, partake in a Best Buddies activity. "I loved having a buddy and also loved getting to hang with other buddies during the parties," Anna said.

BRAIN CHEMISTRY

Many times, students received the option to work with a partner during labs, which brought along some advantages and disadvantages

▲ HELPING EACH OTHER OUT sophomores Brad Sikora and Luke Pillarella complete a chemistry lab. "(Working with a partner) gave me someone else to talk to and figure out my answers with," Luke said. "If you had a lazy partner who didn't do any work, it kind of sucked." ◀ WHILE DISSECTING AN EARTH WORM seniors Cathy Lebryk and Kimberly Szymkowski work together. "I liked working with partners because it was like a tag team," Cathy said. "We could split up the work and get the lab done twice as fast. I looked for someone who would do their share of the work, help out with the lab and understood what they were doing."

PROS

- Don't have to do as much work
- More fun with somebody else
- Easier with two people

CONS

- Make sure they are trustworthy
- May slack off on the work, making it more difficult

Source: Emily Rada, junior

CLEAN UP on AISLE FUN

Meijer served several purposes to students, in addition to just a grocery store

DANCE PROPOSALS

"I asked her (Cassidy Schwartz, senior) there because my friend, Deeva Khatiwada (senior) thought it would be a surprising way to ask."

SCHOOL PROJECTS

"I liked to go Meijer because it was convenient and cheap, and they had really cool mechanical pencils."

TP-ING SUPPLIES

"I chose Meijer because they had a good track record, and a nice selection of toilet paper."

GROCERIES

"I loved their ice cream and cake and how they gave free cookies out at the bakery."

▲ **TP-ING OVER** Grabbing packs of toilet paper from Meijer, Tori Foster, junior, prepares to go TP-ing. "It's pretty harmless," Tori said. "Usually the employees don't really care and just tell me to have fun."

once upon a FREE TIME

Students got together during their free time to enjoy themselves through food and other activities

The smell of burgers and fries wafts through the Schererville Steak 'n Steak as waiter Daniel Bradshaw compliments Prom photos [redacted], junior, posted on Facebook. He references a few inside jokes as he makes sure she wants her usual order of chicken tenders, or as Marymargaret jokingly refers to them as, "chiaken tenders."

"I get the same exact order every time," Marymargaret said. "The food has been the same since the first time I came here. The consistency is good."

With Steak 'n Shake being open at all hours, Marymargaret passes her time there with her friends, juniors [redacted] and [redacted]. They would grab food after Munster football and basketball games, or any time they didn't have anything to do.

"Coming to Steak 'n Shake made us closer, it was the best place to hang out around Munster," Gianna said. "If it was late at night and there was nothing to do, Steak 'n Shake was our go to."

In visiting the restaurant so often, they made friends with the wait staff, especially their most frequent waiter, Daniel. Not only did his sarcastic humor become their favorite part of eating there, but the three are friends on Facebook.

"We know most of the waiters at this point, but Daniel is our favorite," Marymargaret said. "We come here and have late night talks with him about life."

The group would introduce Daniel to other friends or make Vine videos together.

"When they walk in the door I know it's going to get loud," Daniel said. "Usually it's fun because it's gone beyond customers, we're friends."

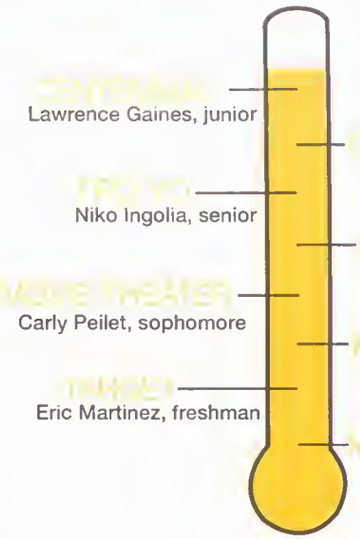
FOOD & FRIENDS

Outside of school, students spent time with friends

◀ SURROUNDED BY CARDS AND PIZZA Jessica Flores, junior, and Ruth Kurowski, freshman, play cards at the Best Buddies party. "(Spending time with them lets me) create an environment where the Buddies can talk to people and have normal conversations with their friends," Ruth said. ◀ AT THE COUNTER Ajeyo De, freshman, pays for his order at Munster Fro-Yo. "What I liked about Fro-Yo was all the types of candy they'd let you put in with your ice cream," Ajeyo said. ▼ BLOWING OUT HIS BIRTHDAY CANDLES Will Hatczel, junior, enjoys the surprise party his family and friends organized for him. "It made me feel good to know there's people in this world who care this much for me," Will said.

HOT or NOT?

A sample of students rated several locations from their most favorite to least favorite locations



Source: Survey of 251 students conducted on April 21

▲ TALKING TO DANIEL, juniors Catherine Tavitas, Marymargaret Maloney and Gianna Fotopolous get their food orders taken by their regular waiter Daniel Bradshaw. "If I'm sad, I'll eat Steak 'N Shake and I'm happy," Catherine said. ◀ SITTING IN A BOOTH, juniors Gianna Fotopolous and Marymargaret Maloney enjoy conversation. "We talk about all the big things here," Marymrgaret said. "When I look back on high school I'm going to remember the nights we came here and just talked."

COME HERE OFTEN?

The girls stopped by Steak 'n Shake on holidays and special occasions

- THANKSGIVING
- BIRTHDAYS
- BASKETBALL GAMES
- FOOTBALL GAMES
- NEW YEAR'S
- AFTER PARTIES

AT GREAT LENGTHS

Fans went the extra mile in celebrating a special event in one of the world's longest running television series

On Saturday Nov. 23, 2013, [redacted], senior, waits for the clock to strike 3 p.m. with her friend [redacted], junior. To the casual observer, it seems like just another Saturday afternoon, but to millions of viewers around the world, it's the Day of the Doctor.

The year 2013 marked the 50th anniversary of the 1963 British television series "Doctor Who." Viewers in over 94 countries, whether they started watching the show in the last week or last century, tuned in to the international simulcast, each celebrating the popular program's birthday in their own way.

"I celebrated the 50th anniversary with my friend Domeneque, my mom and my grandma," Sam said. "I dressed as the TARDIS, and Domeneque went as a combination of two Doctors."

Fans in the online community, or Whovians, celebrated the weeks leading up to the anniversary. They filled social media sites with fan-made art and countdowns in preparation for the event, according to Domeneque.

"Everyone was going mad," Domeneque said. "As soon as the 'Name of the Doctor' episode was finished and the date of it (the anniversary) was released, I had people on different sites counting down to the second."

Whether the show lasts for another 50 years, or 500, the reasons for its fans' devotion and adoration will always stay the same.

"I loved the different elements in the show and its unpredictable story line," Domeneque said. "It was always super funny and it could always make you cry."

▶ FEZZES ARE COOL Eleventh Doctor Matt Smith's fez atop her head, Sam Bensema, senior, watches the "Doctor Who" 50th anniversary with Domeneque Geron, junior. "The thing I loved most about Doctor Who was the creativity aspect of it," Sam said. "The things that people could come up with for this show were truly amazing."

MARVEL VS. DC

DC COMICS

- Supernatural and alien characters
- Heroes generally fight localized crime
- The Justice League

MARVEL COMICS

- Characters have scientific backstories
- Heroes generally fight global threats
- The Avengers

Source: John Kapitan, senior

Students outlined the differences between the two popular superhero franchises

▶ SPLIT PERSONALITIES With third-degree burn scars painted onto his face, Nick Siano, senior, sits in the Lake County Public Library dressed as the Batman villain Two-Face. Nick dressed as Two-Face for Random Costume Day on Wednesday of Homecoming Spirit Week. "I preferred DC for the villains," Nick said. "I felt there was a lot more backstory to them so they were more interesting and distinct."

SOME NIGHTS

Students spent late nights doing fandom-related activities

▲ FEET IN THE AIR Maria Karamichos, senior, scrolls through her Tumblr dashboard, blogging for hours at a time. "Honestly, while I'm blogging, time passes," Maria said. "It feels like 20 minutes but then I look at the clock and, 'Oh, look at that, it's been three hours.'" ▶ ALONE OUTSIDE OF THE THEATER Lauren Russell, sophomore, sits in AMC Showplace Schererville 16 waiting for the midnight premiere of "Catching Fire." "For 'The Hunger Games,' there was a really long line," Lauren said. "I got there at 7 p.m. and by 7:15 p.m. there were like 50 people. I figured it would be the same at 'Catching Fire.'"

FANDOM PROFILES

Fandoms ranging from 3 years old to 50 had more to themselves besides than nicknames

THE POTTERHEADS

FANDOM	Harry Potter
CREATOR(S)	J. K. Rowling
YEARS ACTIVE	1997-present
MEDIA TYPE	Book series/ movie series
COUNTRY OF ORIGIN	United Kingdom

THE WEREWOLVES

FANDOM	Teen Wolf
CREATOR(S)	Jeff Davis
YEARS ACTIVE	2011-present
MEDIA TYPE	Television series
COUNTRY OF ORIGIN	United States of America

THE DIRECTIONERS

FANDOM	One Direction
MEMBER(S)	Niall Horan Zayn Malik Liam Payne Harry Styles Louis Tomlinson
YEARS ACTIVE	2009-present
MEDIA TYPE	Television series
COUNTRY OF ORIGIN	United Kingdom

THE WHOVIANS

FANDOM	Doctor Who
CREATOR(S)	Sydney Newman C. E. Webber Donald Wilson
YEARS ACTIVE	1963-present
MEDIA TYPE	Television series
COUNTRY OF ORIGIN	United Kingdom

Source: bbc.co.uk, onedirectionmusic.com, harrypotter.scholastic.com, mtv.com

MORE THAN ONE OBSESSION

Fans of three television shows group together into their own separate fandom

Superwholocks: Members of a combination fandom of the TV shows Supernatural, Doctor Who and Sherlock

"I started watching 'Sherlock' and loved the idea of it, so a friend told me to watch 'Supernatural' and I just fell in love with it. I'd already been watching 'Doctor Who,' and all three just went so well together."

Claire LeMonnier, sophomore

PROGRESSION OF OBSESSION

Track the stages of fandom involvement with this handy diagram

1 **CASUAL INTEREST**
You like something, but you don't talk or think about it that much. No urge to look it up on the internet has surfaced.

2 **INCREASED INTEREST**
You begin mentioning it in conversations and develop a favorite character, who constantly dominates your thoughts.

3 **GOOGLE PHASE**
Your curiosity gets the best of you, and you google it all day. You end up watching every interview ever made, ever.

4 **TAGGED POSTS***
As your obsession grows, you start scrolling through its tagged posts. You gain exposure to the online community.

5 **FORM SHIPS****
You learn the art of shipping, or forming ships (these may or may not be canon .) You are now a member of the online community.

6 **READ FANFICTION*****
Your ships become less and less canon, and you need to have them fulfilled in some way. So, you turn to fanfiction.

7 **WRITE FANFICTION******
Other writers' stories aren't quite what you want, so you take matters into your own hands and author your own fanfiction.

8 **FANART**
You begin creating fanart to supplement your fanfiction (if you lack artistic talent, commissioning pieces is optional.)

9 **FULL-TIME FANDOM BLOGGER**
Your blog is your life. You spend hours at a time adding to it, and adopt fandom language ("my feels"; "my cries"), sacrificing all rules of grammar, punctuation and syntax.

Source: tumblr.com

* tagged posts (tăg'd pō'sts) n - posts grouped under the same tag, all pertaining to the same subject

** ship (ship') n - a romantic pairing of characters

*** canon (kâ'nŏn) adj - official; refers to the original body of work

**** fanfiction (făn'fik-shun) adj - fan-written stories with unique plot lines, all based on the original work

playing by EAR

From playing at concerts to local parties to Chicago clubs, students added their own twist to music

Slouching over in his Hawaiian shirt, with one hand on his headphones and the other on his Mac, [redacted], senior, speeds up the beat to the song "Express Yourself" by Diplo.

"It was fun being able to manipulate, change and mix music together in a way that I felt sounded best," Jake said. "I wanted to spread the music I enjoyed to other people and see how they reacted to it."

Whenever playing, Jake put a large consideration into what sounds his audience wanted.

"A huge part of being a DJ to me meant that you had to constantly be searching for fresh songs for your listeners to hear," Jake said. "I really tried to avoid playing the same songs event after event. Without a doubt my number one favorite part of being a DJ was getting people into what I was playing and seeing how they reacted."

Crowd reaction played an important role when deciding what tracks and genres to play, according to [redacted], junior, another student DJ.

"It really depended on what the crowd was used to and liked in general," Aron said. "I tried to incorporate EDM (electronic dance music) with more popular radio tracks that people knew and could sing along to, to improve the experience. I'd use more radio sounding vocals over it (electronic music) to switch up the usual song they heard over and over again. If they liked what they heard I'd continue doing the same tactic."

PICKING TRACKS

From radio to records, students mentioned what device they liked for listening to music

"I preferred to listen to music via my record player because I liked the sound and the vintage feel I got when it played. I listened mostly to alternative and classic rock on my record player like Artic Monkeys, The Police, Queen and Vampire Weekend."

"I liked CDs because I liked having something physical that represents the songs. Plus, you could download the music from your CD to your iPod. Why spend the money for iPod music, with barely any extras, when I could just download the ones in the CD?"

"I preferred my iPod rather than CDs. With my iPod, I could look up just the songs, artists or albums I wanted, purchase them for lower prices and download them instantly. A CD might be more expensive, plus if I wanted to listen to songs, I'd have to have my CDs with me and risk losing them. By downloading, I don't have those issues."

"It was easy to get sick of the music you already knew, these services (iTunes Radio, Pandora or 8Tracks) were the best way to find new music. I liked listening to iTunes Radio set to discover more."

CHANGE OF TUNE

The seven period day gave students an additional opportunity to take music classes, such as choir, band or orchestra or listen to music with free time in class

▲ ALL DRESSED UP Alex Radowick, freshman, helps Arthur Carey, junior, with his bow tie. "He was helping me for the winter concert," Arthur said. "I enjoyed the camaraderie of choir." ▶ WITH TWO NERDS AND A VAMPIRE, Laurel Curran, junior, Vishva Maniar, sophomore, and Noah Schlossberger, junior, practice before the Halloween Concert. "It was fun seeing everyone dressed up in costumes," Vishva said. ▶ EYES ON THE SCREEN Spencer Boerman, senior, listens to music in class. "I used Sony Earbuds," Spencer said. "I listened to music in my iPhone, but while in school I used my laptop for obvious reasons." ▶ MELLOPHONE IN HAND, Daniel Cappo, sophomore, plays a song for pep band. "Everybody in my family did band," Daniel said. "I really liked it."

READY TO START Aron Panos, junior, does one final sound check before he starts to DJ at senior Kailee Loughlin's 18th birthday party. "It wasn't until last year that I got equipment and taught myself how to use it," Aron said. "I saw popular artists mixing on stages for thousands of people, and it made me want to be like them and get into the hobby."

WITH A SWAG BACK ON Jake Gariup, senior, mixes a song at a house party. "My first legitimate gig was in basement of a church," Jake said. "It was a fundraiser event. I have played at a few bars on the North Side in Chicago and house parties."

PRACTICING IN THE BACKYARD Justin Bobos, senior, DJs outside. "I've always loved music and found a way to make it my own," Justin said.

LOCAL SOUNDS

Local bands performed at various venues to show their talent

VENUE OPTIONS: Garages, Wicker Park, Centennial Park, Another Hole in the Wall (Steger, IL) and Mojoes (Joliet, IL)

TICKET PRICE: Free - $ 25

CROWD SIZE: 25 - 300 people

Source: Flynn LeMonnier, senior, member of The Trademarked

HOUSE SHOW Performing in senior Harry Goldenberg's backyard, lead singer of Chief Diamond Phillips, Peyton Preboy, senior, busts out some vocals. "I loved playing in small venues such as backyards, to connect with everyone more," Peyton said. "I enjoyed being able to perform for my close friends."

REGION RATES

Music-streaming service, Spotify, provided the top songs in the area, users needed to scroll through their homepage to find songs

1 "Dark Horse" Katy Perry
2 "Talk Dirty" Jason Derulo
3 "Pompeii" Bastille
4 "Say Something" A Great Big World
5 "Drunk in Love" Beyoncé
6 "Timber" Pitbull, featuring Ke$ha
7 "Team" Lorde

Source: Spotify from Feb. 2014

SHH! IT'S A SECRET

Most fast food joints feature a few off the menu items, people just need to know what to order

8oz Hotdog

Fries

$2.59

Customers can ask for any item fried, the most popular being the fried hotdog

Source: Brett Kessler, junior

Five Guys

Cheese Burger

$3.39

Two buns without the meat, buttered up with a slice of cheese in between

Source: Kasey Luehrs, junior

McDonald's

Mcdonald Mac

$6.49

A Big Mac made up of four juicy beef patties on each side

Source: Ali Bauer, junior

ORDER UP Working the cash register at Five Guys, Kasey Luehrs, junior, takes a customer's order. "If it was not on the menu, we would make whatever they wanted," Kasey said. "But someone ordering something not on the menu was rare."

MONEY MAKER Several shopping carts in hand, Mario Hernandez, senior, transports them from outside to inside. "My grandfather got me a truck for my 18th birthday, and I needed gas money, so Jewel Osco was the place for a job," Mario said.

fro-yo FAMILY

Red Mango, a frozen yogurt chain, employs multiple students who enjoy the work environment

If the subject ever came up, CJ Nunez, senior, would gladly tell his friends there was a fundamental difference between Red Mango and other frozen yogurt shops. The tastes, types of frozen yogurt and the work environments set it apart from other places.

"I loved it there (Red Mango)," CJ said. "It was my favorite place in the entire world. We treated each other like family, went to movies together and had bonfires."

CJ got the job as a frozen yogurt boy through his friend, Ricky Delgado, senior, whose parents owned the business.

"Mr. and Mrs. Delgado, Ricky's parents, were like second parents to me, and one day when Mr. Delgado was driving Ricky and I to school, he offered me the job," CJ said. "I thought I could use the money, they could trust me, and I would look out for the business because they were like my family."

Co-workers who felt like family added to the environment, according to Peter Panos, senior.

"The environment at Red Mango made you feel relaxed," Peter said. "I went there even when I wasn't working to hang out with friends and get yogurt because everyone there was so friendly."

The friendly environment also made the work day easier, according to Ricky.

"It didn't make it seem as much as work, because half of the time we were like goofing around and hanging out," Ricky said. "It was just like you knew you were there with your friends so you could enjoy it more."

Along with enjoying the work environment, Ricky enjoyed the frozen yogurt at Red Mango.

"It (the frozen yogurt) was one of those healthier options, but it still had those sweet flavors," Ricky said. "The company was proud of how healthy it was."

FRIENDLY FACES At Red Mango, CJ Nunez, senior, made friends with his coworkers. "I took one of my coworkers to Homecoming last year, and we met through Red Mango," CJ said. "It was so much fun."

◀ BEHIND THE COUNTER Alison Frankland, senior, gathers two scoops of Gayety's chocolate chip ice cream. "It was a happy place to work at," Alison said. "It was fun to work with desserts and serve people food that was good for their soul." ▼ CHOOSING ONE OF THEM Ally Szakacs, sophomore, enters a medium chocolate milkshake onto the Fro-Yo computer. "The screen had just a bunch of options of items people got," Ally said. "You clicked on what they wanted with what yogurt or toppings."

SWEET JOBS

Students discuss their jobs at an ice cream shop or bakery

BUTTERANGER'S

Average Workweek - 8 hours
Benefits - Discount on food and able to eat broken cookies

COLDSTONE

Average Workweek - 11-16 hours
Benefits - Good atmosphere and fun people to work with

FRO-YO

Average Workweek - 8-12 hours
Benefits - Understanding owners for schedule conflicts and the girls who work are sweet

GAYETY'S

Average Workweek - 16 hours
Benefits - Free ice cream when working and employee discount can apply to family.

WORKING WITH KIDS

Employees at Kumon, tutoring center, give tips to stay sane while working

▲ GRADING AN ASSIGNMENT, Cat Oesterle carefully compares her answer key to the work of a student she tutored. "My biggest tip was to be patient," Cat said. "You could not get frustrated when a kid didn't listen or didn't get it right away." ▲ AT THE END OF THEIR SHIFT, seniors Nicholas Kujovich and Jesse Palma organize the exercises they gave to their students. "I loved working with kids, as long as you brought a positive attitude to the table, everything ran smoothly," Jesse said. "I usually worked on math, and I tried to rewrite the problem and explain each step with them until they grasped the idea on how to do the problem. You had to enjoy helping them."

two SIDES to the STORY

With different views on genders, boys and girls found unique ways to overcome certain stereotypes

[redacted]

Mike Ingolia, senior: I think a lot of times with guys there's a male ego, and it's a lot easier to hurt their pride. Whereas maybe with girls, it's a lot easier to hurt them emotionally than their pride.

[redacted] Zmuda, senior: Wow, yeah that sounds right. I think girls maybe take others into account more often than guys…not that all guys are bad!

[redacted]

N: I feel like in the long run, I'm expected to have a job, provide for a family and be the head of a family and have the traditional, "traditional" –got the air quotes—male roles.

E: I feel like, not at the moment, but I feel like as I listen to older girls speaking, they're expected to get married right now. Here at Munster, I don't feel like that's really an issue. No one's like, "How young do you want to be when you get married?" They're like, "Where do you want to go to college?" I do feel like girls are asked more often than guys, though, "How many kids do you want to have?"

N: Yeah, I feel like people are always, even now, expecting girls to be thinking about the family they're going to have which is odd because we're so young.

[redacted]

E: I feel more annoyed by them than anything else, I guess. I feel like these expectations won't really change what I want to do with my life—whether I want to get married and have a family.

M: I actually think that for me, I almost agree with these expectations that are expected of males or men or boys or whatever. I'm eighteen, so I guess I'm a man. But it makes it interesting because I feel like even without those expectations, that's what I would want to do anyway. You know, go to college, get a good job, provide for my family.

[redacted]

N: I think it might be justified. I'm not saying for every girl to go get married at 18 and not go to college, but it's certainly okay for girls to be the main providers for families or for girls to not get married at all and pursue careers. MORE ▶

COME TOGETHER

Through meets, parties and other activities, boys' and girls' teams became closer as the year went on

▲ FROM THE STANDS the Boys' Swim team cheers on the Girls' Swim team at Sectionals. "For Girls' Sectionals, we dressed up in random costumes and went and cheered the girls on," Collin Sroge, junior, said. ▲ CHATTING OVER PASTA. Melanie Mooney, freshman, and Scott Farley, junior, talk during a Cross Country pasta party. "I felt like the pasta party was a good way to connect both the girls' team and the boys' team together," Melanie said.

SWIMMING

- Timed each other during meets
- TPed each other's houses before Sectionals
- Made good luck posters
- Had bonfires and parties

Source: Colin Sroge, junior

CHEERLEADERS

- Bought gifts for football and basketball players
- Decorated players lockers
- Made signs for players' front yards

Source: Emma Nossem, senior

CROSS COUNTRY

- Had pasta parties every night before a meet
- Hosted pool parties
- Cheered along the course

Source: Miranda Guerrero, junior

▲ TEAM PLAYER Leaving the field during a football game, Amber Kimbrough, senior, walks toward the sidelines. Throughout high school, Amber got used to being the only girl on the Varsity Football team. "Once I got to high school, I didn't notice a difference between me and the other boys," Amber said. "The rest of the team definitely treated me like just another player and not just a girl."

MORE TO GENDERS

But it's hard sometimes to look at a guy that's a stay-at-home dad and be like, "Oh man, that's awesome."

E: I don't see an issue with the guys' expectations that they want to be the bread-winner for their family, but I think girls can do that if they want. In my family, my mom goes and works in Chicago every day. My dad stays at home, and he does run his own company, but he is kind of a stay-at-home dad.

N: Oh well, if he runs his own company…

E: Well yeah, but I mean, he does it from home. He does all the things my mom would do—he like, cooks us dinner, he would make us our lunches when we were little. So I don't feel like there's an issue with that. I've kind of grown up with it. I mean, I get along better with my dad, so it's good for me.

I: [illegible]

N: Just history in general. I mean women couldn't even vote 'till like, 1920. So just that stereotyping of girls, and saying that "Oh, the man has to be the head of the family"—that old, archaic, kind of silly belief that "women are dumb." …Which is not correct!

E: Which is false.

N: Yeah, just wanted to make that clear!

E: I was researching for my satire—"Why Women Shouldn't Work"—and I came across this one site that said women shouldn't vote because after they got the vote, World War II happened.

N: Hey, it did happen! You can't deny it.

E: But you know World War I happened before that.

N: I know, but I mean clearly Hitler rose to power because American women elected him as Chancellor of Germany. Let's be honest, guys.

I: [illegible]

E: I'd say some of it's just through, like, watching others. You know, watching TV, movies, where that's, like, how it is. I just feel like you just kind of pick it up from what you see around you. I know one of my friends in middle school was on the Science Olympiad team, and guys would actually go up and say to her, "I'll do this event because you're a girl, you can't do it." But then she did really well, so it's okay.

I: [illegible]

N: I mean, probably over time they will change because they have changed, and they will continue to change. I mean, in the 1950s, if there was a household where a woman worked and a man stayed at home, that would probably like be the end of the world. But now it's okay, and I think we're at a point where it's fairly equal.

E: I feel like Beyoncé can change this. I listened to her before I came here, sorry. Just like, not judging someone by their gender but judging them by what they do instead.

◀ THINK IT OVER Taking some time to hang out before school, seniors Niko Ingoglia and Elaine Zmuda talk over their views on gender roles. "I think we've come a long way with gender equality and stereotypes, and I think it'll continue to change," Niko said.

WHO RUN THE FIELD? GIRLS

As part of the Homecoming celebration, junior and senior girls took the field and showed their skills in the Powderpuff football game

▲ HUDDLED UP. the junior Powderpuff team talks about their game plan. "We were building our morale and figuring out our strategy for the game," Roxie Pugh, junior, said. "We were really positive and happy." ▲ TAKING THE FIELD, Tyra Lott, senior, gets ready to begin the Powderpuff football game. Ending the night with a 36-24 victory, the seniors kept up their winning streak. ◀ RUNNING TOWARDS THE END ZONE Tola Ibikunle, junior, plays in the Powderpuff football game. "I was going for a touchdown, but she (Jasmin Nelson, senior) ended up taking my flag," Tola said. "We were almost the first junior team to win, but we didn't, but overall, it was really fun."

WHAT I DON'T UNDERSTAND ABOUT...

With differing opinions, boys and girls shared what they did not understand about one another

GIRLS

"Why they don't give straight answers." [illegible]

"Why they'll be nice to you one day and not talk to you the next." [illegible]

"What the difference between a good hair day and a bad hair day is." [illegible]

"How they like to keep things to themselves." [illegible]

BOYS

"Why they don't understand anything when it comes to girls." [illegible]

"What they're thinking when they're talking." [illegible]

"Why they wear shorts in the winter." [illegible]

"How random they are." [illegible]

Every morning heading to school, we passed Munster staples: Commander, Munster Donut and the same old Fro-Yo in its new building. At school, we pulled into the crowded parking lot, hoping to find our spot before the bell rang.

If we had time to spare, we sat in the Commons with our usual crowd or worked with our NHS tutor in the library on Spanish verb tenses. But even with our busy schedules, we made time for the traditions that we heard about in school or around town.

We showed off our moves during Homecoming Spirit Week on '80s Workout Day in the Commons. During Girls' Cross Country Spirit Week, we ran around town dressed as princesses or as our favorite foods. Before the musical, we got together with our fellow cast members for Spirit Circle.

After cheering on our football team in the cold Friday night, we woke up at 3 a.m. Saturday for Speech and Debate meets. We attended HUM Culture Night and embraced our inner Indian. Throughout the year, we stood united and fundraised for numerous causes.

The students before us did it. The students after us will too. But day after day, year after year, we still manage to add our own touch. That's what makes it

MORE THAN TRADITION

▶ **PAINT IT PURPLE** With careful strokes, Meredith Simmons, junior, decorates the front sidewalk of the high school with purple chalk in memory of Colleen Lusk, junior. "It was right after Colleen passed away and a few people had organized for everyone to meet and kind of decorate the town in purple," Meredith said. "We wanted to do it especially around the high school, so I went and got purple chalk to write, 'We heart Colleen,' in front (of the school). It was a really great break from everything that weekend and we all got to come together and do something for her."

RETRO RHYTHMS

Throwback tunes from the 80s blared from senior Sam Toth's speaker during the seniors' annual morning workout on 80s Workout Day

"COME ON EILEEN"
Dexys Midnight Runners

"WORKING FOR THE WEEKEND"
Loverboy

"JESSIE'S GIRL"
Rick Springfield

"YMCA"
Village People

"WE BUILT THIS CITY"
Starship

Source: Sam Toth, senior

SONG AND DANCE Stereo in hand, Sam Toth, senior, plays 80s music during the morning workout in the Commons. "As an underclassman I always wanted to be able to act goofy and play fun music that you could dance around in the hall to," Sam said. "Since I was the only one playing music, once people heard it, they knew it was me, and that felt pretty cool."

GIVING BACK

Members of Football, Project X and Student Government took trips to Target to choose toys for the annual Toys for Tots toy drive

REACHING FOR A BARBIE DOLL, Dillon Pierie, junior, chooses a gift for the annual Toys for Tots toy drive with the Football team. "Growing up in Munster, we sometimes took for granted what we had and how fortunate we were," Dillon said. "It felt good knowing that doing a small action like that could put a smile on a kid's face. That was one of the greatest feelings." **WITH A SMILE ON HER FACE,** Lara Natonski, junior, pushes a cart full of toys out of Target with juniors Emily Rada and Nikki Kamalipour. "Coach Marsh put us in a circle and told us specific things we needed to get for little kids," Lara said. "Stuff like, toys, coats and gloves. Then we paid for all of it and carried it out."

carrying on CUSTOMS

From donuts to Barbie dolls, students took part in traditions long-instilled in the Munster community

Stepping through the entrance of Munster Donut, the smell of freshly baked pastries greets you even before you are welcomed with a "good morning" from the cashier. To the right is a long, lowered counter with worn-in toadstool seats. Behind the counter, a sign hangs on the wall, reading "We Are Proud Supporters of Our Local D.A.R.E. Program," accompanied by another proclaiming, "You Deserve a Donut." The donuts, ranging from Jelly Iced to Apple Spice to Bavarian Cream, sit displayed behind the counter waiting to be chosen by a hungry customer.

Established in 1969, Munster Donut is nestled between The Commander Restaurant and Fortune House Chinese Restaurant on the intersection of Calumet Avenue and Ridge Road. A popular attraction for people visiting Munster, Munster Donut also stands as a long-time favorite for locals.

"I'm usually in here once a week," Matt Specht, senior, said. "This is what I usually get—a Chocolate Ice Ring," Matt said, gesturing to his already half-eaten donut.

Open for 24 hours and seven days a week, Munster Donut gave customers the opportunity to get their donut fix in the late hours of the night and the early hours of the day.

"The whole swim team came in here at like, 3 a.m. after (sectional) TP Night," Matt said. "It was jam-packed."

After 45 years of service, Munster Donut earned the status of a town staple, according to Matt.

"I definitely consider this a Munster icon," Matt said. "Just, like, the atmosphere and everything makes it feel old-fashioned."

SWEET TREATS Money in hand, Matt Specht, senior, pays for his regular order at Munster Donut, a Chocolate Ice Ring. Even with a Dunkin Donuts across the street, Matt still favored Munster Donut. "I thought the donuts were better," Matt said. "The people were really nice there, too."

ON THE FIELD

Between the goalposts, two traditions took place on the football field: Battle of the Bridge and the BOB football game

▲ **FACE TO FACE WITH HIGHLAND,** seniors Eric Svoboda (58) and Sam Bell (16), Dillon Pierie (57), junior, and Nick Powell (41), senior, line up before a play. "It was a really hyped game," Eric said. "We had hard practices all week leading up to it because we knew how big of a deal it was for the town." ▲ **POM-POMS IN PLACE,** Sugar Fane, freshman; Jackie Dye, sophomore; juniors Julianne Rice, Catherine Tavitas, Maggie Gerber, Meredith Simmons; Sarah Sharpe, senior, and Katie Wiening, sophomore, form a ribbon for prostate cancer awareness during the Band of Brothers (BOB) football game halftime performance. "Our dance was for Ally's (Novotney, attendance secretary) husband to commemorate him," Meredith said. "It was a way to bring the school together."

EARLY BIRD GETS THE WORM

Members from each Bulkmatic group volunteered to wake up early to claim their first-choice essay topic

▲ **BRIGHT AND EARLY** As the sun rises, seniors Omnya Zaman, Talia Kotz, Niko Ingoglia, Ishani Sharma and Morgan Papesh wait for Mrs. Tammy Daugherty, English teacher, to arrive so they can choose their Bulkmatic essay topics. "We woke up at 4:45 a.m. and left at around 5:20 a.m.," Omnya said. "We really, really wanted to make sure we got our first-choice topic, which was Driver Retention." Choosing Bulkmatic topics was known to get competitive, according to Omnya. "You would hear stories about people who slept in their cars or snuck into school the night before choosing their topics. It got pretty intense," Omnya said.

ARRIVAL TIME: 5:30 A.M.
TOPIC: Driver Retention
VOLUNTEERS: Omnya Zaman and Talia Kotz

ARRIVAL TIME: 5:55 A.M.
TOPIC: Compliance, Safety and Accountability
VOLUNTEER: Niko Ingoglia

ARRIVAL TIME: 6:00 A.M.
TOPIC: Environment
VOLUNTEERS: Ishani Sharma and Morgan Papesh

Source: seniors Omnya Zaman, Niko Ingoglia and Ishani Sharma

embracing DIVERSITY

With all the diversity within the school, students had the opportunity to experience different cultures

Trading in jeans and a t-shirt for a shalwar kameez or a kurta and eating butter chicken or paneer instead of the usual burger and fries, students became Indian for the 49th annual HUM night.

"(My favorite part about HUM was) wearing their clothes because they're really pretty," Ellie Dorn, junior, said. "I got to try their food, also, which I am now in love with."

With all the Indian food and dancing, HUM members had the opportunity to give students a glimpse of their Indian culture.

"I loved dancing and showing my culture to others," Vice President Priya Shah, senior, said. "It was honestly one of the most exhilarating feelings seeing how much people from Munster responded to the Indian community and how enthusiastic they were about the culture."

Members also received a chance to show their classmates a different side to them not seen at school.

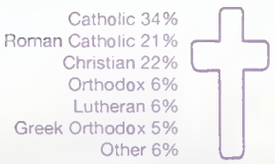
"It was a whole different atmosphere at HUM," Ellie said. "They (HUM members) could show their different culture and traditions, whereas at school, they were in a different environment."

The night would not have been possible without HUM members organizing all the events.

"Eashan (Kumar, senior) led us really well," Priya, said. "He was a great president. I felt like we both accomplished a lot this year. We (HUM members) spent a lot of time preparing for this, so we got a lot closer."

MORE THAN ONE CULTURE

Students practiced different religions and spoke various languages that contributed to the diversity of the school



Catholic 34%
Roman Catholic 21%
Christian 22%
Orthodox 6%
Lutheran 6%
Greek Orthodox 5%
Other 6%

CHRISTIANITY 72%

HINDUISM 4%

ISLAM 3%

JUDAISM 3%
OTHER 6%
DO NOT PRACTICE 10%

ENGLISH 73%

SPANISH 11%

GREEK 3%

SERBIAN 2%

OTHER 11%

Source: Survey of 537 students conducted May 28

HANUKKAH PALOOZA

Many Jewish students took part in different traditions before and during the Jewish holiday seasons

▲ BEFORE HANUKKAH, Belinda Oberman, senior, volunteers to help out with arts and crafts during a Sunday School event. On the Sunday before Hanukkah, students volunteered at Temple Beth El to aid their Sunday School. ▶ SERVING APPLESAUCE, Allison Levin, junior, helps out at a Jewish Sunday School event. "I liked being more of a part of my culture," Allison said.

ROSH HASHANAH
Dip apples in honey for a toast to the "sweet new year"

HANUKKAH
Light a new Menorah candle on each of the eight nights

PASSOVER
Retell the Exodus story through ritual symbols displayed on the Seder plate

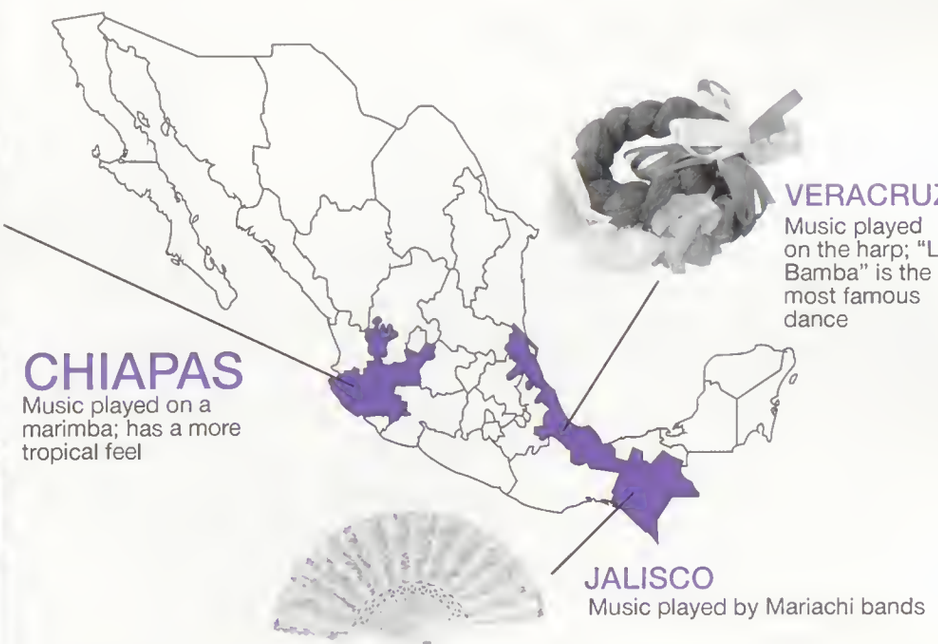
PURIM
Dress up according to the story of Purim

Source: Allison Levin, junior

◀ **CROWD SURFING,** Rohan Chatterjee, junior, takes part in the HUM dance. "It (HUM night) was almost like a school dance because of all the people who went there. The awesome part of it was that it gave people that weren't that extroverted in school a chance to let loose and go crazy." ◀ **HANDS IN THE AIR,** juniors Sai Sripad Kodukula and Prabhneet Girn participate in a choreographed dance. "Seeing my friends from school take part in the Indian culture was really special for me because they caught a glimpse of who I am and where I come from," Prabhneet said. ▼ **PLATES IN HAND,** seniors Marty O'Shaughnessy, Emily Anderson and Neeta Patwari serve themselves dinner. Dinner consisted of a variety of traditional Indian food, ranging from naan to chicken curry. ▼**AMONGST STUDENTS,** Mr. Donald Fortner, social studies teacher, dances with the crowd. "I had a diverse population of students, so it was important to better understand that and have a better perspective," Mr. Fortner said.

▶ A MÍ ME GUSTA BAILAR*

Emma Trivunovic, sophomore, participated in various Mexican dances to different types of music, using costumes and props, like headpieces, dresses and fans, specific to their states of origin


VERACRUZ
Music played on the harp; "La Bamba" is the most famous dance
CHIAPAS
Music played on a marimba; has a more tropical feel
JALISCO
Music played by Mariachi bands

◀ **TWIRLING HER DRESS,** Emma Trivunovic, sophomore, practices the Jalisco dance. Emma participated in a group called Ballet Folkorico where she performed and competed at various venues. "My favorite part about being involved with dancing was the places I got to go with it," Emma said.

Source: Emma Trivunovic, sophomore

*A mí me gusta bailar translates as "I like to dance"

COULD THEY BE MORE DIFFERENT?

For the Derolfs, being brothers did not mean being alike

EXTRACURRICULARS

Paul: Football and Environmental Club
Tim: Debate Team

FREE TIME

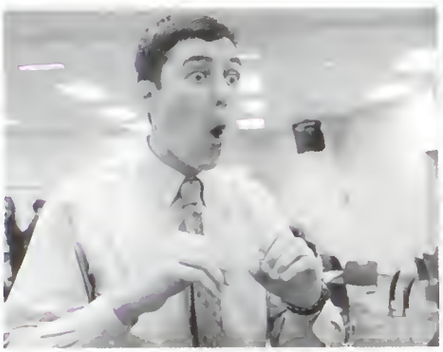
Paul: Fishing, hunting and working on his truck
Tim: Bike rides, being with friends and shopping

FAVORITE TV SHOW

Paul: Anything involving the outdoors
Tim: "Glee"and "American Horror Story"

FAVORITE FOODS

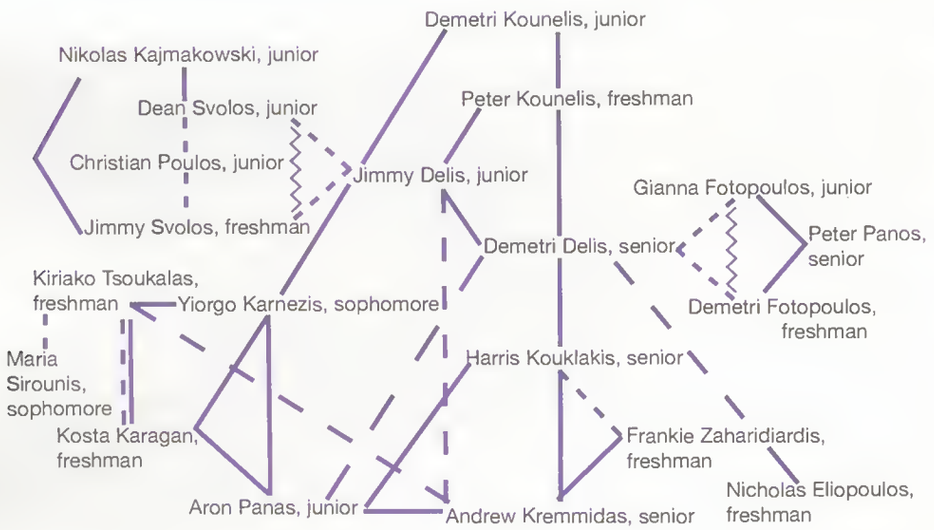
Paul: Steak or pasta
Tim: Anything foreign



▲ **AT A DEBATE TOURNAMENT,** Tim Derolf, freshman, pursues his individual interests. "I'm more of an indoors person since I loved school and was on the Debate team, while my brother was more into sports and the outdoors," Tim said. ▶ **DURING FOOTBALL'S SENIOR NIGHT,** Paul Derolf, senior, receives recognition for his interest in football. "Tim is more book smart between the two of us, while I'm more outdoors or street smart," Paul said.

IT'S ALL GREEK TO ME

Many Munster students are related due to their Greek heritage



Source: Juniors Jimmy Delis and Dean Svolos

▲ **SISTER ACT** Working together, sisters Sydney Kawalec, junior, and Paulena Kawalec, senior, run a non-profit organization called Girls Redefining Our World (GROW) to empower other girls. "Working with my sisters made GROW more personal because our family is where the cause started from," Sydney said. " It felt right to do it as a family."

all in the FAMILY

From watching TV at home to starting non-profit organizations, family played a large role in students' lives

When Kailee Loughlin, senior, thought she faced losing her family, she ended up gaining a sister instead. Kailee spent second semester living with her best friend, Jackie Surd (Marian Catholic High school).

"I got to spend every day with my best friend," Kailee said. Kailee faced the choice between going with her family as they followed her step-father's job to Michigan or staying in Munster and graduating with Academic Honors.

"You always think when you're little, 'I'm going to move in with my best friend, but that will never happen,' and then it happened," Jackie said.

Kailee and Jackie shared chores and vented over parents as they spent second semester living as sisters. They baked, did hair and even began to finish each other's sentences.

"Kailee being here gave me someone to laugh with," Jackie said. "I was way happier when she was there," Jackie said.

Adjusting to living together was smooth because the house rules were similar. Kailee still talked to her family regularly, and they visited back and forth, according to Kailee.

"I missed my little brother Drew, but I felt like I was closer with my mom after she was gone," Kailee said.

However, missing her brother was worth finishing out her senior year with her best friend.

"I definitely would not have chosen anyone else to live with," Kailee said.
Jackie shared similar feelings.

"I wouldn't have let anyone else live with me either," Jackie said.

◀ **CUDDLE BUDDIES** Snuggling, Kailee and Jackie laugh at their favorite Tuesday TV show, "Pretty Little Liars". "We watched it together without fail," Kailee said. "It didn't matter how much homework we had. The only time we watched TV was together."

parent teacher CONFERENCES

Munster students spent time with family members who worked at the school

▲ **VISITING HIS MOTHER,** Dean Svolos, junior, stops by the book keeper's office. "I knew if I needed anything, she'd be there to help me," Dean said. ◀ **TURNING TO FACE A CLASSMATE,** Tatiana Shinkan, sophomore, makes a face as her uncle, Mr. Bob Shinkan, math teacher, passes out a test. "He looks like my dad, and it felt like I was being taught by him," Tatiana said. ◀ **ON THE SIDELINES,** Drew Hackett, junior, gets coached by his father, Coach Mike Hackett, health teacher. "I called him 'dad' instead of 'coach,'" Drew said. "We had a father son dynamic on and off the court."

▶ **REACHING FOR SPIRITS,** Joseph Gallagher, senior, and members of the Munster Theatre Company begin their tradition of spirit circle before their winter production of *Done to Death*. "In the beginning, we put our hands up and grabbed a spirit of an alumni member until one of us caught the spirit and released it outside of the room," Joseph said.

▶ **GRABBING AN ORNAMENT,** Thomas Speranza, junior, decorates the Auditorium's annual Christmas tree. "This was my first time I helped with decorating," Thomas said. "I helped put ornaments on the top of the tree and wrapped garland around it." ▼ **CIRCLED UP,** the cast of the Munster Theatre Company's fall production of *Seussical* take part in their end-of-show circle. "We all went around in a circle and talked about our favorite moments of the show and what we enjoyed the most," Rachel Jamrose, junior, said.

▶TRUE COLORS

The night before Sectionals, Speech team members chose a crayon color that reflected their speech to use as a good luck charm

LIGHT BLUE
"I chose this because my piece was *Alice in Wonderland* so I thought of Alice's dress."
Haley Moles, senior

RED-VIOLET
"My piece was about the Greek goddess of wine, and violet-red is like the color of wine."
Nick Siano, senior

ORANGE
"Mine and Colleen's (Kifer, senior) duo was about children who are imaginative, so orange is an imaginative color."
Bess Fary, senior

BLUE-GREEN
"Mine and Nick's (Siano, senior) duo was about *Peter Pan* and *Alice in Wonderland* so blue-green was a nice mix."
Morgan Papesh, senior

VIOLET-RED
"My piece was about vampires, so red was what I thought of when I thought of vampires."
Judie Muhrez, senior

APPLE RED
"Mine and Billy's (McDunn, junior) duo was about kindergarten, so I thought of a teacher's apple."
Haley Moles, senior

▶OLD PRACTICES

From team siblings to pasta parties to making t-shirts, sports teams each had their own set of traditions

▶ **FOCUSED ON HER DESIGN,** Allison Cunningham, junior, rhinestones her shirt for the annual Girls' Swimming Intrasquad meet. "The Intrasquad meet was normally just half of the team split up into two. It was just a fun meet with no pressure at all," Allison said. ▶ **DECIDING WHAT TO EAT,** juniors Brian Banach and Kevin Fuhs scoops up a plate of pasta at one of the many Cross Country pasta parties. "It was good to have carbohydrates before races to give you energy for the next day's race," Brian said. ▼ **AFTER HEARING HER LITTLE SISTER'S SPEECH,** Shannon Farrell, senior, receives a hug from Toni DalleCarbonare, junior, on senior night. "We always got one another candy or food before big matches," Shannon said.

sticking with TRADITION

Clubs and teams such as the Munster Theatre Company continued many traditions put in place years prior

With their hands in the air, theater members begin summoning spirits of alumni. Around the circle, the Cat in the Hat and the Mayor of Whoville clap into character. As the room grows silent, Miley Cyrus arrives. To some, these activities may seem like an odd practice, but to members of the Munster Theatre Company (MTC), they remained part of the long-held tradition of the company's spirit circle.

"My favorite part of spirit circle was when a special guest celebrity came in," Rohan Chatterjee, junior, said. "Our special guest was usually a director or guest who dressed up as a celebrity such as Miley Cyrus or Judy Garland. It was interesting to see what guest they came up with and what kind of jokes they created on the spot."

However, spirit circle was not the only tradition for MTC members. On the last Sunday of the spring musical, all participants took part in senior circle. Underclassmen created a large outer circle and the seniors formed the inner circle. Seniors then had the opportunity to make a speech and reflect on their years in high school theater.

"For my first three senior circles, it was very emotional seeing all the seniors give their final farewell to the Munster Theatre Company," Steven Caraher, senior, said. "My last year was even more emotional since I was now a senior saying my final goodbyes."

▶GUESS WHO

With their week-long Secret Santa gift exchange, *Crier* members received many obstacles from their Secret Santas including performing in front of the class or solving riddles in order to obtain their gifts

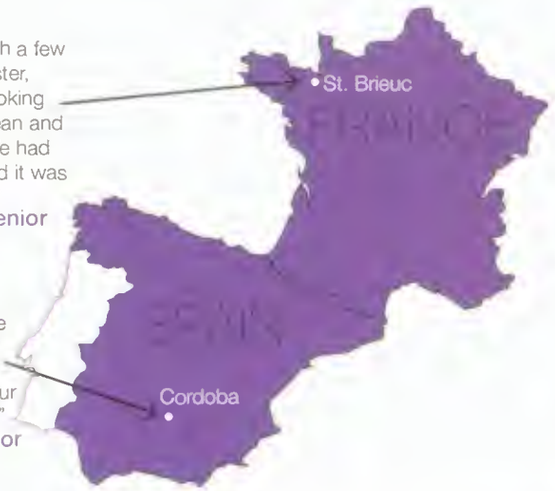
▲ **AFTER FINALLY FINDING HER GIFT,** Casey Gouwens, senior, waits to open her present. "My first clue was under the tree. My gift was on top of the dark room door, and I was too short to reach," Casey said. "This gift was scissors and Uno cards from my Secret Santa Will (Hatczel, junior)." ▶ **DANCING TO "SINGLE LADIES,"** Ms. Sarah-Anne Lanman, Publications Director, takes part in *Crier*'s Secret Santa. "My Secret Santa, who I later found was Max Baker (junior), made me lip sync and dance to songs before I could get my gift," Ms. Lanman said. "For *Crier*, everyone wanted to have me so they could torment me."

- ▶ Lip synced to "Single Ladies," by Beyoncé "Wrecking Ball" by Miley Cyrus and "Oops! ...I Did It Again" by Britney Spears
  Ms. Sarah-Anne Lanman, Publications advisor
- ▶ Modeled in sweatpants
  Meena Kandallu, sophomore
- ▶ Received themed clues throughout the room including "Doctor Who" and "The Avengers"
  Chelsea Eickleberry, junior
- ▶ Solved math problems, wrote captions and found clues on the opposite ends of the school
  Gabbi Dore, senior
- ▶ Did jumping jacks, sit ups and push ups, sang "Swinging the Alphabet" by the Three Stooges and danced to "Dominick the Donkey" by Lou Monte
  Casey Gouwens, senior
- ▶ Received a map for the whole week and solved many riddles and clues
  Cesar Camacho, senior

▶a whole NEW WORLD

IU Honors participants ventured around the world where they made unique memories

"I went to the beach with a few friends and my host sister, and I just remember looking out and seeing the ocean and just enjoying myself. We had crêpes and Nutella, and it was just so simple but fun."
Maritza Garcia, senior

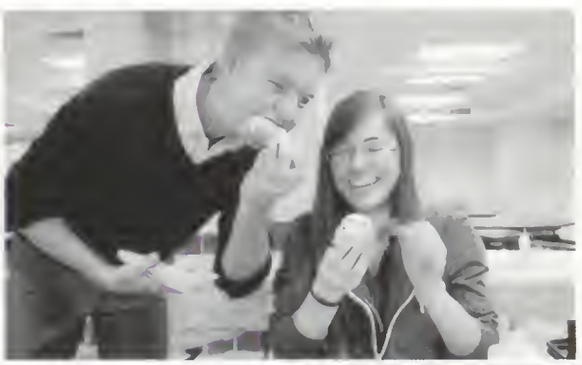


"In Cordoba, Spain, we were in the Garden of Kings, and my whole group and I dunked our heads in the fountain."
Alexis Monthie, senior

▶ WALKING THE SLACK LINE, Cesar Camacho, senior, enjoys a casual day in the park while in Spain. "Spain was so amazing. Everywhere you walked was amazing and so was my host family there. They cared for me as if I was their son," Cesar said. ▶ STROLLING TO THE LOUVRE, Zaria Suggs and her peers take in the sights and sounds while walking through Paris. They visited famous landmarks throughout France and became close with students from different schools. "It is so hard to put into words how France is, but the best word, if I had to choose a word, it would be peaceful." Zaria said. ▶ PEERING THROUGH A TELESCOPE, Luis Dominguez, senior, explores the vast lands of France. "Overall, it was a definite once in a lifetime opportunity and experience," Luis said. "I would obviously go back to France again, but it would not be the same. The experience was unique to myself and how I view things now."

▶THE FOODIES

Food played a big part in the foreign language clubs' parties



▲ CREATING THE PERFECT PARFAIT, Julia Swibes, sophomore, mixes berries with yogurt during the French Club Parfait Party. "I've been in French since seventh grade, and I was in it last year and it (the club) was fun." Julia said. ▲ LAUGHING AND EATING, seniors Marty O'Shaughnessy and Amanda Milojkovitch eat Day of the Dead bread and decorate candy skulls during the Spanish Club and ASL Club Halloween Party. "I was trying to get crumbs on her because she was decorating a candy skull and was focusing really hard," Marty said. ▶ CUTTING THE CAKE, Dylan Goodman, sophomore, and Catherine Arndt, junior, participate at German Club's Oktoberfest Party. "I thought by joining German Club I would be able to broaden my horizon about culture," Dylan said.

▶¿CÓMO SE DICE?

Spanish Club members took part in Spanish Club's first soccer game

▲ IN FOR THE SAVE Peter Kounelis, freshman, cradles the soccer ball in his arms as he laughs with some of his teammates during the game. "It (the soccer game) was fun, I had a really good time," Peter said. "It made the club more fun, I got to spend time with Saam (Mojtahed, senior), and he was a good guy. He was really funny."

culture SHOCK

Students experienced the culture of different countries through various clubs, events and programs

After spending up to seven weeks in another country, it felt foreign to go back to speaking English for the members of the Indiana University Honors Program. Upon their return from Spain, France or Germany, participants found it difficult to switch from their respective language to English. Students received the opportunity to take part in the program and broaden their horizon and visit France, Spain or Germany.

"By the end of our trip, when we heard the English language, we thought it was just so ugly." Zaria Suggs, senior, said.

Students had to study the language for a minimum of three years for eligibility to take part in the program. Near the middle of the year, students take a test and after they pass, they are invited for an interview. After the interview, those selected became eligible to travel to their new home for the summer.

"I had always wanted to go to Paris for as long as I could remember, and I was being offered a once-in- a-lifetime opportunity," Maritza Garcia, senior, said. "I wasn't going to let it pass me up."

The participants of this program attended school, where they submerged even deeper into their language; went on excursions to see famous landmarks for their own eyes; and gained a second family and new friends.

"I experienced culture shock," Alexis Monthie, senior, said. "Everything was smaller than what I was used to, the cars, the rooms and the houses. Also, the people (of Spain) there were really friendly and touchy. But at the same time, I was in awe. Everything was beautiful and different."

ENGLISH		ESPAÑOL
soccer	→	el fútbol
game	→	el partido
ball	→	la pelota
team	→	el equipo
field	→	el campo
goal	→	el gol
defense	→	la defensa
offense	→	el ofensivo
champion	→	el campeón

Source: Spanishdict.com

▶ AROUND THE WORLD IN ONE GYM

The International Fest brought together cultures from around the world to one gym every year

▲ WHILE TOPPING A TACO WITH TOMATOES, Jimmy Murphy, junior, volunteers at the Mexico booth where chicken tacos were served. Each country featured different foods and activities during the festival. ▲ HANGING WITH THE LIONS OF KENYA, Michale Delong, sophomore, along with many other members of Project X, volunteers at the Africa booth. "I was working in Kenya," Michale said. "It was really fun and I would definitely do it again." ▶ PERFORMING A BHARATANATYAM DANCE, Rohini Kalluri, junior, displays traditional Indian culture to the crowd. "It (dancing) was really important to me. I had been doing it for twelve years, and it was a part of who I am," Rohini said.

sideline SUPPORT

Superfans channelled their school spirit into themed outfits at games

CAMO
Boys' Varsity Basketball vs. Lowell

HAWAIIAN
Varsity Football vs. Highland

CHRISTMAS
Varsity Football vs. Penn

Source: Superfan Facebook page

▶ **IN THE STUDENT SECTION,** seniors Sam Toth, Matt Specht and Luke Wuchenich cheer on the Varsity Football team at a home game. ▼ **AS THE RAIN POURS DOWN,** seniors Matt Specht, Pat McCarthy, Sam Toth and Jimmy Perino watch the Varsity Football team play against Michigan City in Michigan City. "(I went to the Michigan City game) because I'm a true Superfan," Pat said.

tying a school TOGETHER

In times of need, students banded together to support one another

Shades of violet, indigo and lavender filled the hallways Oct. 22, 2013. To express their support for Colleen Lusk, junior, while she battled the genetic disease in the hospital, students wore purple, the color for Cystic Fibrosis awareness. The idea of joining together in one color spread around social media the night before.

"It's hard to put into words the impact it had," Dana Handler, junior, said. "I remember walking into school—all of my classes—and almost everyone was wearing purple. To know that they were doing it to support my best friend, there's no other feeling like that—that one person could make that big of an impact on people that are, more often than not, unified."

The support did not stop there, though. Together with Ms. Leigh Ann Westland, English teacher, Dana and Allison Hemingway, junior, organized purple hearts to be signed and delivered to Colleen. Purple paper was bought, hearts were cut out and in a couple days, the school was writing messages.

"Everything happened within days," Ms. Westland said. "That's what was really cool about it. How everyone came together so quickly and easily—it was very effortless."

Colleen passed away Oct. 24, and wanting to continue Colleen's efforts in raising awareness for Cystic Fibrosis, Dana introduced others to her promise of getting Colleen's story on "The Ellen DeGeneres Show." Dana tweeted about it Nov. 12 using the hashtag #Colleen-OnEllen and that night, with the help of students from Munster and beyond, it trended worldwide.

"This is a promise that we had together, with no one knowing, for a long time," Dana said. "I'm doing this because it's a promise. Anyone would keep a promise to their friend. She tried to spread the word about Cystic Fibrosis and she wanted to inspire people. If she was on the show herself now, she would do that. The goal is to continue her goal, to tell her story."

Her story continued to inspire and impact people who knew her, as well ones who had not.

"She was one girl—16—that had that large of an impact," Dana said. "Especially the fact that the biggest impact—she was sedated during. She couldn't use her voice. But it's what her voice had done in the past and how much she impacted others and inspired others that her voice was continuing through them and she was still making an impact, which I still can't wrap my mind around the fact of that."

Students like Jack Arnold, senior, felt the impact Colleen had on the school and its students.

"In terms of togetherness and support, it (this year) definitely stands out," Jack said. "It definitely brought people together. This was the biggest thing to happen in all my four years. It affected the student mentality—it changed how we treated illnesses and how we thought about things."

As the year continued, the school organized a variety of fundraisers for Cystic Fibrosis research. From an informal dance hosted by DECA to selling Cystic Fibrosis awareness shirts, the school strived to make a difference. Efforts like these not only brought students together, but they also raised awareness.

"I don't think it's just bringing people together, I think it's opening people's eyes," Dana said. "Every part of school has tried to do something for this disease, and it's a school-wide effort and it needs to continue to be a school-wide effort until there's a cure."

all under ONE ROOF

Joining together in the fieldhouse, students attended school-wide assemblies about respect and acceptance

◀ **HANDS IN THE AIR,** Ricky Greep, junior, participates in a group activity at the assembly led by Mr. Mojo, a motivational speaker, about bullying prevention. "I think it (having assemblies) is good for the spirit of the school and teaches us how to accept each other," Ricky said.

▼ **HOLDING UP THE SIGNED BANNER,** Priya Shah, senior, and Angel Lovison, freshman, speak at the Champions Together assembly, a program promoting the partnership between IHSAA and Special Olympics Indiana.

sweet TWEETS

Students took to Twitter to express support and encouragement in the form of tweets

Audrey Mayer @AudreyyMayer
It's actually amazing how our school is coming together like this for Colleen #PurpleForColleen ♥♥
8:24 PM • 21 Oct 14

Casey Terry @Cterry96
#PurpleForColleen I love how our school supports one another when they need it #ourschoolrocks
8:30 PM • 21 Oct 14

Grant Rademacher @G_Rademach
Munster High School is greater than any other high school. On earth.
8:09 PM • 21 Oct 14

Diva @deevakhat
Good luck Munster Speech and Dance! #represent
7:23 PM • 13 March 14

Alex Wisniewski @AWIZniewski
Best of luck to all the people on their way to ICDC!!
7:05 AM • 2 May 14

Maggie Lucia @Maggielucia22
such a great assembly!! @ChampsTogether Everyone go to froyo so we can raise the money!!
1:00 PM • 2 April 14

Sources: Juniors Audrey Mayer, Casey Terry, Grant Rademacher, Alex Wisniewski, Maggie Gerber and Deeva Khatiwada, senior

◀ **WHILE DECORATING THE TOWN IN MEMORY OF COLLEEN,** Emily Anderson, senior, ties a ribbon around junior Miranda Guerrero to lighten the mood. "When something tragic like that happens, it's important to keep your chin up and help others stay positive as well," Emily said. "I think it was really remarkable how not only the school, but the community came together to support her (Colleen) in her final days and honor her after she passed." ▲ **REACHING UP,** Maureen Doherty, junior, places her purple heart on the wall along with the others. ▲ **BEFORE CLASS BEGINS,** Morgan Papesh, senior, pins a purple ribbon on her sweatshirt.

Minions were on the loose in the halls during Spirit Week. The memories of being asked to Turnabout are etched into our minds long past the seventh period bell. These were the small things that we reminisced about for years on end.

Homecoming gave the seniors the challenge of winning the bridge and a memorable win of 34-14 against Highland. When Turnabout came around, trucks were rolled on lunch tables labeled with signs saying "TB?" Prom came, and for many of us, this was the dance of our high school career. We made it not just memorable, but legendary. From finally finding that perfect dress to jumping on a trampoline in the middle of the night with that dress still on, we made these moments our own.

Although we look back at these events and remember the things that made them stand out, we experienced them in the moment. Our white t-shirts glowed in the black light during the DECA dance. We felt the beat of "A Punk" as Chief Diamond Phillips rocked out at Battle of the Bands. We danced through the temporary silence at Homecoming.

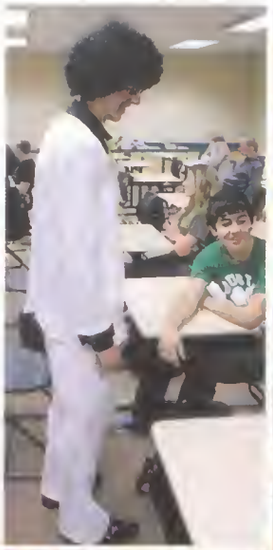
Throughout the year, we experienced these moments that were unique to each of us, making them

MORE THAN MEMORIES

◀ CENTER STAGE "We were just trying to be the most fun," Harry said. "The first band, The Censored, were so good this year. We were like, 'Alright, whatever we'll just go out and play and have fun,' because we thought they were gonna win and be the best by far."

THROWBACK thursday

Students traveled back in time to the '50s, '60s, '70s and '80s on Decades Day of Spirit Week



▶ SQUINTING HER EYES, Morgan Papesh, senior, has her hair sprayed by Mrs. Tammy Daugherty, English teacher, on '80s Workout Day. "It was fun to see a teacher of such a difficult class let loose during Spirit Week," Morgan said. "It took me a really long time to get all the hairspray out of my hair, though." ▶ AFRO ATOP HIS HEAD. Jake Bobeck, junior, embraces the '70s vibes on Decades Day. "I wore my afro because I thought it was accurate to the time period," Jake said. "It was pretty comfortable too, until fifth hour when it got all itchy." ▼ HEADBAND AND MIDDLE PART IN PLACE. Claire LeMonnier, sophomore, channels her inner hippie on Decades Day. "I had been planning my outfit for a while," Claire said. "I love the '60s and costumes, so putting them together was a great opportunity for me." ▼ WITH A RIBBON IN HER HAIR. Alyssa DeJoan, freshman, sits with Alexandra Raycroft, freshman, at lunch. "I wore my hair in a curly ponytail with a polka dot ribbon to match my skirt," Alyssa said. "I just tried recreating what I saw in 'Grease.' It was really cool to see everyone's interpretation of the decades."

MORE ways to see

Seniors let their nerdy side shine on Nerd Day and include underclassmen in their fun

▲ RIDIN' NERDY Plaid shorts pulled up high and suspenders in place, seniors Josh Shalen and Jack Arnold interact with Scott Farley, junior, and sophomores Clay Arnold and Zoe Mintz during lunch . "Some of us went a little over the top on Nerd Day," Josh said. "Some people were probably a little uncomfortable."

"I thought how the seniors acted on Nerd Day was hilarious. It seemed like they had a lot of fun with it."

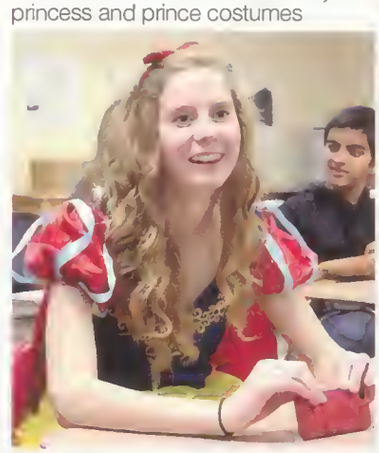
Scott Farley, junior

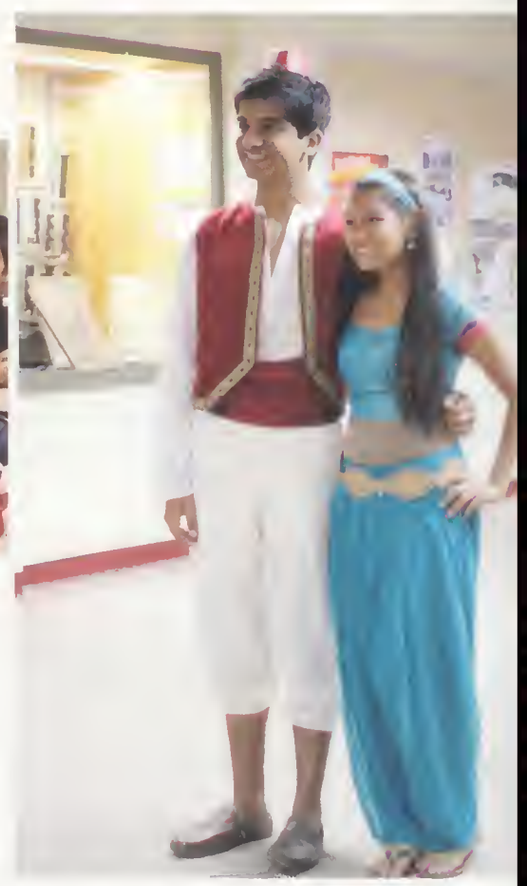
"I thought Nerd Day was a great way to let out our inner nerds because we all had one."

Josh Shalen senior

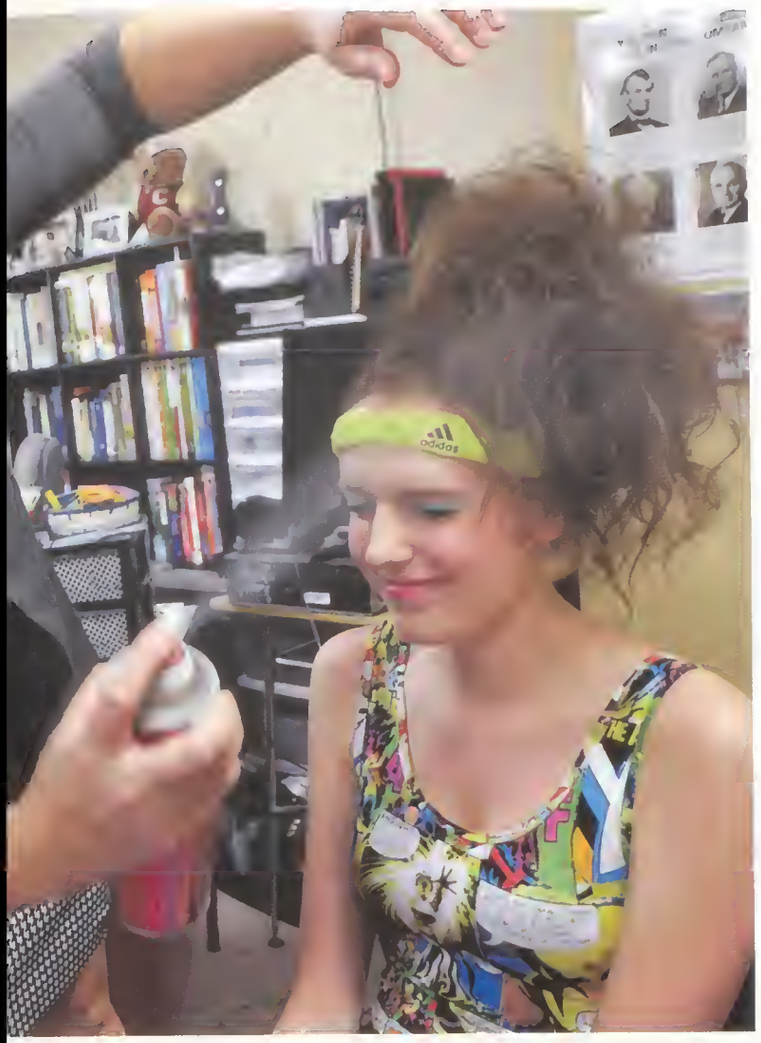
FAIREST of them all

On the first day of Spirit Week, students don their favorite Disney princess and prince costumes





▶ SMILING FOR THE CAMERA, juniors Rohan Chatterjee and Prabhneet Girn pose for a picture as Aladdin and Jasmine. "I decided to dress up as Jasmine because growing up, *Aladdin* was my favorite movie and I thought it was a perfect opportunity to express how much I love it," Prabhneet said. ▲ DRESSED AS SNOW WHITE, Ellie Dorn, junior, sits in her desk waiting for first hour to begin. "Prabhneet and I decided we would be Disney princesses," Ellie said. "I didn't know what to be, so I called Dan Green because his family has a lot of costumes, and he told me he had a Snow White costume I could borrow."



getting into THE SPIRIT

Not only did students participate in Spirit Week, but teachers also took part in the Homecoming festivities

As the bell rings for AP Language and Composition, Haley Moles, senior, prepares to go over the previous night's homework—an analysis of Martin Luther King Jr.'s "Letter from a Birmingham Jail." However, she soon realizes class is not going to go as usual when she sees Mrs. Tammy Daugherty, English teacher, whip out a can of hairspray and set a chair in the center of the room. Mrs. Daugherty's '80s hair salon is open for business, and all thoughts of Martin Luther King Jr.'s rhetorical devices are forgotten for the next 46 minutes.

"I thought we were going to walk into class and go over our packet, but as soon as class started, I knew we were going to be doing something fun," Haley said.

The scent of hairspray filled the room while ponytails were transformed into voluminous masses of poofy hair.

After watching her classmates undergo a makeover, Haley decided to take a turn in the seat.

"[Getting my hair done] hurt a lot, especially when Daugherty started teasing it," Haley said. "But she knew what she was doing, so I totally trusted her."

Having experienced the decade as a teen herself, Mrs. Daugherty was familiar with the popular trends of the '80s and shared her knowledge with the class while she styled hair.

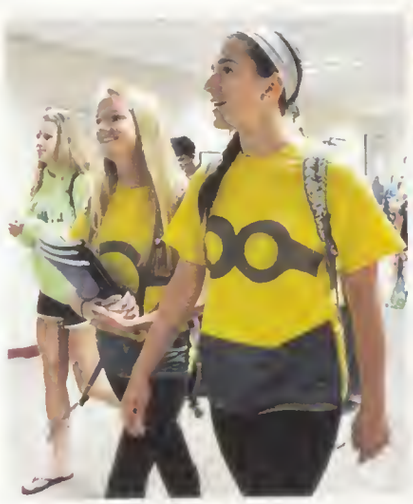
In addition to '80s Workout Day, Mrs. Daugherty also helped her classes participate in the rest of Spirit Week. Mrs. Daugherty believed part of her job as a teacher was to enhance each student's time in high school.

"Part of the high school experience goes beyond books and papers," Mrs. Daugherty said. "I'm here not only as a facilitator of learning, but I'm also here to make sure your experience is fulfilling."

MINION mania

Drawing inspiration from "Despicable Me," Sammi Koufos, senior, and her minions got into character Wednesday

Complete with a bald cap and his signature red scarf, Sammi Koufos, senior, takes on the character of Gru from "Despicable Me" on Random Costume Day. Accompanying her are 60 students dressed as minions in yellow shirts Sammi decorated herself. "I loved the movie," Sammi said. "And Alyssa Sheets, who was a former student, did '101 Dalmatians' for one day of Spirit Week when she was a senior. I wanted to do something crazy like that, too."



◀ IN MATCHING MINION SHIRTS, sophomores Mackenzie Peirick and Maria Sirounis walk through the hallway to their next class. "At soccer practice, Sammi asked if any of us wanted to be one of her minions for Random Costume Day," Maria said. "I thought it was a cute idea and was a cool way to incorporate underclassmen." ▲ SIDE BY SIDE, seniors Haley Moles and Sammi Koufos try to contain their laughter as they pose for a picture.

I'm gonna POP SOME TAGS

▲ NIFTY THRIFTY Rummaging through the accessories bin at Goodwill, seniors Elizabeth Beckman and Jesse Palma search for Spirit Week attire. "You could go in there with an open mind because there were no limits during Spirit Week," Elizabeth said. "Everything was pretty cheap, too. I tried on stuff without looking at the price like I would usually do at other stores."

Taking advantage of a 50-percent-off sale, students shopped at Goodwill for Spirit Week

PLAID BUTTON-UP SHIRT for Nerd Day	$1.50
KHAKI SHORTS for Nerd Day	$1.00
VINTAGE '80S WINDBREAKER for '80s Workout Day	$3.50
NEON VISOR for '80s Workout Day	$0.50
TOTAL:	$6.50

Source: Elizabeth Beckman, senior

TOOLS of the TRADE

CEC members used a variety of tools and materials when building floats

▲ WORK IN PROGRESS Drill in hand, Brian Banach, junior helps the junior CEC build their float. "I loved working on the float and seeing the finished product," Brian said. "I'd never worked on one until this year and I will probably do it next year."

PLIERS
bends wire

WIRE CUTTERS
cuts chicken wire

SCREW DRIVERS
screw nails to keep base solid

ELECTRIC SAW
cuts wood as needed

PAINT BRUSHES
paints bare areas

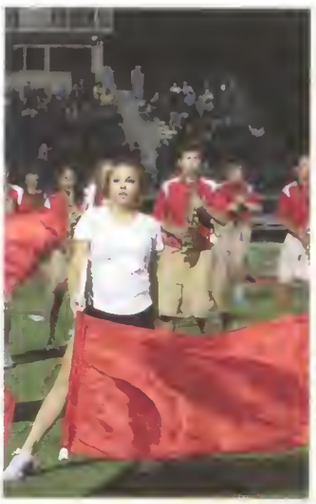
POWER DRILL
drills wood and metal rods into place

Source: Brian Banach, junior

bridge TO VICTORY

Varsity Football wins Homecoming, along with Battle of the Bridge

Up 21-7 against Highland, the boys jogged off the football field and into the locker room for a break at the half time."It was exhilarating and my heart raced as I gazed at all the fans that were in attendance," Jacob Helmer, junior, said. "It was truly heart warming." The boys took the game against Highland 30-0, killing two birds with one stone: Battle of the Bridge and Homecoming.



the pep in PEP RALLY

Students competed against each other in Disney themed pep rally events

DISNEY KARAOKE
students sang their hearts out to their favorite Disney songs

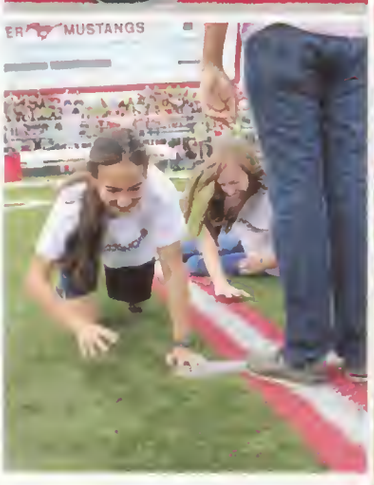
DISNEY TRIVIA
students put their Disney knowledge to the test

OBSTACLE COURSES
students showed off their agility and speed

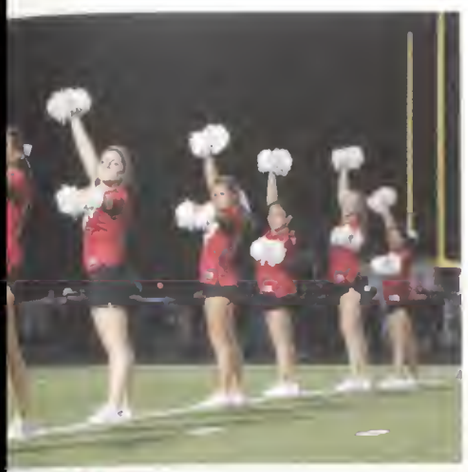
MINUTE TO WIN IT
students tested their creativity and concentration in minute long tests

TUG OF WAR
students tested their strengths when competing for bragging rights in tug of war

Source: Eashan Kumar, senior



▶ DOMINATING THE UNDERCLASSMEN, seniors Matt Specht, Cody Grzybowski, Jung Kim, Johnny Pitsas, Alex Del Rio, Brian King, Steven Ozug and Jake Brown participate in tug of war. "Throughout the event, I had to put more effort in trying not to get trampled by my teammates than pulling on the rope," Steven Ozug, senior, said. ▶ TROMBONES AT THE READY, Nolan Lomeli, freshman, Shawn Mahoney, junior, and Tatiana Cruz, senior, performed with the band during the pep rally "It was really fun performing in the pep rally. I loved being able to play fun songs during the rally," Tatiana said. ▶ CRAWLING TO THE ANSWER OF HER QUESTION, Jill Ylo, sophomore, enjoyed her pep rally experience. "It was really awesome to represent the sophomore class," Jill said. It's always fun to see what student government plans for the rally. They are normally really well planned out, but it was a lot of fun, and a great experience."



▲ FRONT AND CENTER, the Dance team performs at half time during the Homecoming game. "I loved dancing at the games," Morgan Kaptur, senior, said. "It was a lot of fun to get to dance in front of such a large group of people that don't always get to see us dance." ◀ LOOKING DOWN THE FIELD, Joe Jumonville, senior, scans for an open reciever. The team won 34-14 against rival Highland, consequently winning Battle of the Bridge. ◀ FLAG AT THE READY, Dailyn Mendez, freshman, performs "The Girl in the Red Dress" for the first time. "I was really nervous and excited because I thought people were staring directly at me and that I was going to mess up," Daylin said.

MORE

When Homecoming Queen Amber Caldwell, senior, was crowned, her escort Pat McCarthy, senior, had his own perspective

"So many emotions just were hitting me all at once before and after. Words cannot explain how overjoyed I was."

Amber Caldwell, senior

"I didn't get a crown. Where's the love? Prom, I'm coming for you."

Pat McCarthy, senior

◀ AND THE WINNER IS Smiling in disbelief with flowers in her hand, Amber Caldwell, senior, is named Homecoming Queen. "I didn't want to get my hopes up too high just in case I didn't win," Amber said. "I kept telling myself that I wasn't going to win and that it'd be okay. So when they called my name, I was really shocked and could not be happier. It really is an indescribable moment that happened so quickly."

for the FUN OF IT

Cheering filled the football field as students encouraged their classmates participating in Homecoming events

Hands wrapped tightly around the rope and in full focus, the senior tug of war particpants wait for the middle of the rope to be released. It releases, and both sides tug as hard as they can. With determination, they tug until one team is finally defeated.

"When it comes down to it, tug of war was the only event that mattered at the pep rally, and whoever won got bragging rights for the remainder of the year," Steven Ozug, senior, said.

The seniors won against every grade until they faced teachers. The seniors were taken down, but not without a fight.

"It was a cool experience trying to beat the teachers," Matt Specht, senior, said. "The seniors needed to prove our manhood by beating them."

Aside from participating in tug of war, the seniors cheered on their classmates participating in other activities.

"I was mostly just trying to take everything in at the pep rally, seeing as how it was the last one I would ever attend at Munster, but the atmosphere was electric," Steven said. "It was nice to get away from taking tests and hearing lectures to getting to go outside to talk with and cheer on my fellow classmates."

The roar of the stands filled the football field with pride and competition.

"The atmosphere was competitive and energetic at the same time," Student Body President Eashan Kumar, senior, said. "It was a lot of fun setting up, but the parade came early so we had to cut a few of the games that we wanted to play."

The atmosphere determined the success of the pep rally and the spirit of the game.

"It was a good portral of school spirit," Eashan said.

MORE THAN ONE WAY TO SEE IT

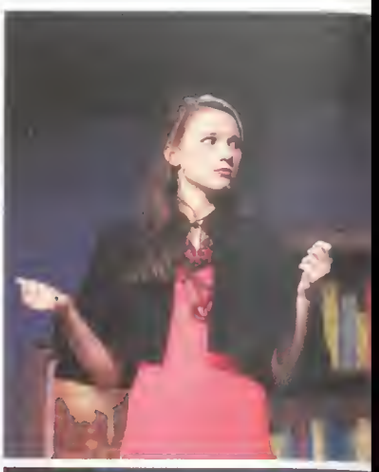
Students described what it was like to direct and be directed by their peers

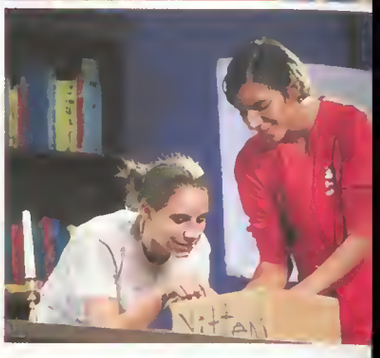
"I felt like it enhanced my acting by getting to see the flip side of the coin."

Student Director
Steven Caraher, senior

"You had to keep in the mindset that they were in charge now, and you had to respect their title."

Actor
Thomas Speranza, junior





▶ PAYING CLOSE ATTENTION TO THE SHOW, juniors Ethan Courtney and Billy McDunn watch a run-through of "Done to Death" as student directors Morgan Papesh and Steven Caraher, seniors, lead rehearsal. "Working with someone that you knew had also acted and been in your exact shoes was a great experience," Ethan said. "He (Steven) would provide really relevant tips during read-throughs to help us get to know our characters and how they would react in a situation." ▶ SMILING UP AT HIS CAST, Steven directs some of his fellow students in "Done to Death." Steven and Morgan designed all aspects of the show, from the set to interactions between the characters themselves. "I felt like it was definitely a shift in perspective, and it was a real great perspective to see. It was refreshing to go on the other side," Steven said. "It was an overall fantastic experience."

▶ WITH A SLY LOOK, Ethan Courtney, junior, transitions from playing his main character, Whitney Olive, to portraying Jack Club, a hard-hitting detective. "Developing characters could always be a challenge, and having two to come up with didn't make it any better," Ethan said. "What I ended up doing was being one character, and then pretending that he was the one acting as the other character. It sounded confusing, but it worked." ▶ SEATED SIDE BY SIDE, juniors Ethan Courtney and Allison Hemingway play a married couple in "Done to Death." "While developing characters with the other actors, you really learned the strengths and weakness of your fellow cast members," Allison said. "We all had to work together on them a lot, so it was definitely a team effort." ▼ READY FOR A FRIENDLY HANDSHAKE, junior Billy McDunn's character attempts to greet junior Rohan Chatterjee's character in a scene of "Done to Death." "Interacting with each other like that was fun because we knew each other so well and took on such different roles," Billy said. "It was a funny experience."

basket OF FUN

Students enjoyed themselves while working on the novice show "Dr. Evil and the Basket of Kittens"

◀ WITH A LOOK TO HER SIDE, Peyton Tinder, sophomore, performs in "Dr. Evil and the Basket of Kittens." "The character I played wasn't fully developed to begin with, so I thought it was really fun to go out and make it my own every night," Peyton said. ▼ COOING OVER KITTENS, Claire LeMonnier, sophomore, and Alex Ramirez, freshman, act together in the novice production. "My cast members were always the best part of being in a show," Claire said. "I grew really close to them." ▼ AXE AT THE READY, Alex Ramirez, freshman, plays Dr. Evil in the novice production. "(Onstage), I just pretended like no one was out in the audience," Alex said. "I could never go out and do it alone, so it was nice to know you had people up there with you."

▲ LEND A HAND Standing as still as possible, Alyssa DeJoan, freshman, waits as Jillian Dixon, freshman, carefully applies her lipstick before going onstage for "Dr. Evil and the Basket of Kittens," the novice production. "Getting ready, putting on costumes and makeup and all that, usually took like 10-15 minutes," Alyssa said. "Everyone would run around and help each other get ready before the show."

pre-performance PREPARATION

Before they could get onstage, cast members had to prepare several aspects of their performance backstage

5:30 p.m.	Arrive backstage
5:45 p.m.	Put on costume
6:00 p.m.	Help castmates put on makeup
6:15 p.m.	Get microphone and have volume checked
6:30 p.m.	Spirit circle with the cast
6:55 p.m.	Set up props and get into places
7:00 p.m.	Showtime

Source: Alyssa DeJoan, freshman

stages of DEVELOPMENT

Prior to and during the production of a show, students employed several techniques to develop their characters

Laptop open, Allison Hemingway, junior, logs onto the Munster Auditorium web page. New information concerning the next show catches her eye. Allison eagerly clicks onto links to prepare herself for auditions. Before she even thinks about taking the stage, she has a lot to learn.

"When he (Dr. Larry A. Brechner, auditorium director) posted a new show online, he included character descriptions and I read into them and sort of determined the kind of character I wanted to go for," Allison said. "If there was a movie version, I would watch that and get familiar with it."

However, character descriptions did not provide all of the means to create a character. Ethan Courtney, junior, added his own touch to shows.

"The synopses told you what kind of person they were, but you did your own interpretation of them," Ethan said. "You turned him into whatever you thought he was."

Working with other actors' interpretations helped development as well. In "Done to Death," Ethan and Allison portrayed a married couple, so the two spent a majority of their time during the show together.

"Drawing off your relationships in real life could help developing the characters," Ethan said. "I didn't really know Allie (Allison) very well before the show, so it was definitely a learning experience for us both."

On show nights, actors had to prepare themselves before taking the stage, attempting to start thinking like their characters.

"(Before a show), I walked around a lot," Ethan said. "I walked in circles, and I would snap my fingers and shake my hands around. It loosened me up and helped get me into the mindset of a character."

birds of a feather SING TOGETHER

With only three months to put together a musical, the Munster Theatre Company worked to make each show unique

As the end of the day draws near, actors and actresses fill up the choir room. They sit down and pull out their music as Mr. William Woods, vocal director, begins to play the piano. For the next two weeks, members of the Munster Theatre Company take part in vocal rehearsals, the first step in putting together a musical.

"Vocal rehearsals were pretty important because without them, no one really knew the music," Casey Terry, junior, said. "It was important to have them early on so that during rehearsals when we were without Mr. Woods, we would still be able to practice with a recording."

Through the use of music, musicals added a unique perspective that plays could not, according to Thomas Speranza, junior.

"Music gave more of an emotional aspect to a show," Thomas said. "It allowed you to connect not only on a lyrical level but also on a musical."

Musicals gave the actors and actresses an opportunity to take part in numerous aspects of theater.

"Musicals allowed actors to have a more in-depth experience in theater," Morgan Papesh, senior, said. "They combined many aspects such as singing, acting and dancing."

However, adding music into the mix of acting, blocking and learning lines could create problems when portraying a character.

"When you sang as a character, although you were still 'in character,' you were more focused on the singing," Casey said. "When you recited lines, however, you were more in tune with your character."

Although adding music could create complications, cast members still enjoyed the experience of a musical.

"I liked being able to explore myself through another character," Morgan said. "You learned the most about yourself when you played someone else."

MORE THAN ONE WAY TO SEE IT

Actors and technicians had differing views every night before the show began

"Before a show, I didn't really feel nervous. As we would get ready, it was all fun and games, so when that was over, I had to focus and get ready for the show."
Actor Brandon Yager, senior

"Before the show, I was just ready to start. To get ready, I loaded all the wireless microphones with fresh batteries and fastened them on the actors."
Technician Hannah Fischer, senior

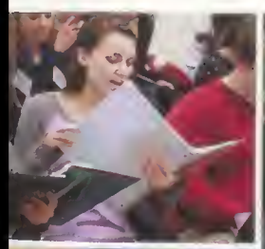
▲ WIRED UP Preparing for the opening night performance "Fiddler on the Roof," Hannah Fischer, senior, secures Brandon Yager's, senior, mic. "My favorite part of performing is seeing the reactions on people's faces while I'm on stage," Brandon said.

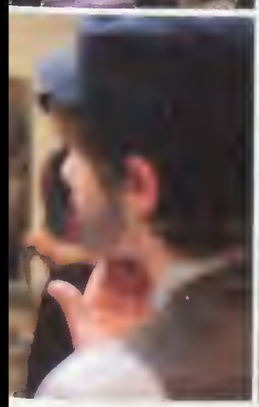
setting the STAGE

From March to May, multiple steps are used in order to put a musical together

◀ SASSING IT UP, juniors Hannah Witting and Maddie O'Dea and Bess Fary, senior, play the role of the Bird Girls in the fall production of "Seussical." "I liked when I was performing, and I was able to be a different person," Hannah said. "I liked escaping from the real world."

▲ SPREADING HIS CHRISTMAS CHEER, Billy McDunn, junior, performs as the Grinch in "Seussical." "My favorite part of performing was taking people away from their problems and making them have a good time," Billy said. ◀ BEGGING THE CAT IN THE HAT, Morgan Papesh, senior, acts as Gertrude McFuzz with Rohan Chatterjee, junior. "I thought it was more difficult to portray a character through lines than singing," Morgan said. "Music reflected the character, and it was easy to characterize."





▶ LEARNING THEIR MUSIC, Emma Nossem, senior, sophomores Peyton Tinder and Anna Bilse and juniors Rachel Jamrose and Hannah Witting practice at callbacks. "At callbacks, you performed two songs and two readings for the directors," Anna said. ▶ SINGING THEIR HEARTS OUT, sophomores Camille Jancosek and Peyton Tinder learn their music at vocal rehearsals. ▶ TIDYING UP, sophomores Camille Jancosek and Peyton Tinder and Morgan Papesh, senior, practice during blocking rehearsals. "During rehearsals, you waited until LAB (Dr. Larry A. Brechner, auditorium director) told you where to move and how to act," Camille said. ▶ CREATING HIS BEARD, Thomas Speranza, junior, gets ready before a performance. ▶ PERFORMING ON OPENING NIGHT, Steven Caraher, senior, acts as Tevye in "Fiddler on the Roof." "I was normally very excited for opening night," Steven said.

SHOW SHIRT thursday

With a shirt from each show holding a unique saying to the cast, Munster Theatre Company members decided to wear their show shirts opening night of each show

"FIDDLER ON THE ROOF"

SAYING: "May God bless and keep the Tsar...far away from us!"

MEANING: The Jewish town of Anatevka was threatened by the Tsar

"SEUSSICAL THE MUSICAL"

SAYING: "Yopp!"

MEANING: JoJo saved the Whos by screaming "Yopp!"

Source: Laurel Demkovich, junior

BATTLE of the fans

Students supported their fellow classmates who were performing in Battle of the Bands by purchasing shirts and cheering them on

DAYDREAMER
Fernando Jimenez, senior
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SHIRTS SOLD

CHIEF DIAMOND PHILLIPS
104
SHIRTS SOLD

Sources: seniors Fernando Jimenez and Harry Goldenberg

▲ SUPER FANS From the audience, Jessica Herrera, sophomore, and Rasha Sabbah, junior, cheer on Fernando Jimenez, senior, as he performs at Battle of the Bands. I was really proud of him," Jessica said. "He had been dancing for awhile, so I was happy he had the guts to go up there and dance for everyone."

rock THE NOTE

Students performed in front of classmates at Battle of the Bands while raising money for Riley Children's Hospital

After two hours of live music, ranging from classic rock to alternative to screamo covers, seniors Eashan Kumar, Student Government President, and Deeva Khatiwada, Student Government Secretary, take the stage to announce the winner of Battle of the Bands. "Chief Diamond Phillips" resonates throughout the auditorium, followed by applause. The band, however, waits confusedly on-stage for the rest of the bands to be announced.

"We didn't know we won," Harry Goldenberg, senior, said. "You can't hear the vocals because they're projected outwards. So when they were announcing it, we couldn't really hear it."

However, the band soon realized they did, in fact, win.

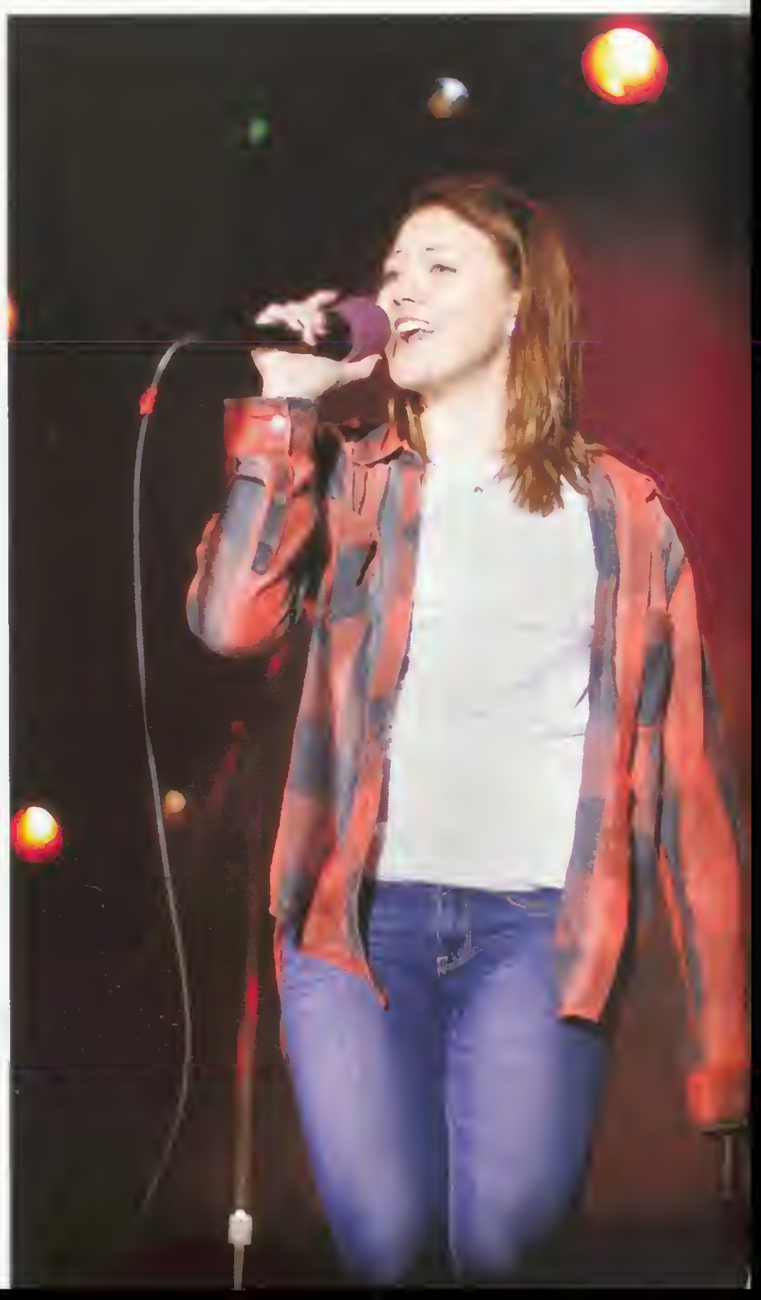
"We looked at everyone else and they were like, 'Congratulations,'" Mikey McGrath, senior, said. "So, we were just like, 'Did we win? We won!'"

After performing but not placing at Battle the previous year, the band took the following summer to practice and hold small performances, which included an acoustic set at Centennial Park. These smaller performances not only helped them develop their skills, but also their chemistry.

"We all really got to know each other over the summer," Brandon Amaloo, senior, said. "We were kind of strangers in February and then we became the best of friends."

This experience and stronger chemistry contributed to the band's success at their second year at Battle.

"Compared to last year, I was always like, 'Don't mess up,' and then I messed up. I felt like we just didn't really care about how we did this year, rather than just having fun," Mikey said.



MUNSTER'S got talent

Students showcased their skills during the talent portion of the evening

◀ CHANNELLING HIS INNER MICHAEL JACKSON. Fernando Jimenez, senior, dances onstage during The Trademarked's set. "Flynn (LeMonnier, senior) told me they were playing 'Beat It' by Michael Jackson, and he wanted me to moonwalk across the stage," Fernando said. "So, I just went out there and did my thing." ▲ LEADING THE GROUP. Drew Adams, junior, performs Pitch Perfect's arrangement of "Please Don't Stop the Music" by Rihanna with the rest of Men-A-Sing. "It was an interesting experience," Drew said. "It was exciting that we were able to form the a capella group and perform after only a few days." ◀ WITH HER EYES CLOSED. Shaniyah Kimbrough, junior, performs her solo. "It was really scary," Shaniyah said. "I didn't really look at anyone while I was on stage. I was picturing myself in my room singing to myself and kind of zoned into the song."

MORE THAN ONE WAY TO SEE IT

First-time Battle performers and three-year veterans had different views of the music-filled event

▲ STRUMMING HIS BASS. Patrick Losiniecki, junior, plays for the first time at Battle with The Trademarked. "It being my first time made me want to put on an even bigger show," Patrick said. ▲ AS HE PLAYS HIS GUITAR. Nic Blackstone senior, sings back-up with The Censored during his third and final time performing at Battle.

"It was a lot more fun than I thought it would be. There were a lot more people than I anticipated, too." Patrick Losiniecki, junior

"It would have been nice to win two years in a row, but I'm glad someone else had a chance to experience the feeling of winning Battle of the Bands because dang, it's a rush. Overall, it was a great show. I'm upset I won't be able to perform again next year, but I'm sure there will be some better bands to come." Nic Blackstone, senior

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

From TV shows to censorship acts, bands drew inspiration from many sources when deciding what to name themselves

CHIEF DIAMOND PHILLIPS

MEMBERS Seniors Payton Preboy, Brandon Amaloo, Harry Goldenberg, Mikey McGrath, Sam Toth and Spencer Boerman

NAME INSPIRATION Family Guy

THE CENSORED

MEMBERS Seniors Nic Blackstone, Levi Sasek and Tyler Wood; Austin Medler, '13

NAME INSPIRATION Internet censorship

THE TRADEMARKED

MEMBERS Zach Brum, sophomore; Gerardo Corral, eighth grade; juniors Luis Corral and Patrick Losiniecki; and Flynn LeMonnier, senior

NAME INSPIRATION All the names they wanted were trademarked

◀ SINGING "KIDS" BY MGMT. Payton Preboy performs with the rest of Chief Diamond Phillips. "I was really excited when we were backstage getting pumped," Payton said. "I felt comfortable because we went over everything about a thousand times. I was obviously still nervous, though, because it was Battle." ◀ SMOKE SURROUNDING HIM. Levi Sasek, senior, plays drums during The Censored's set. After opening with "Let's Get It Started" by the Black Eyed Peas, Levi switched from singer to drummer. "Nobody does that (switching)," Levi said. "We were messing around at practice and then we found out we could." ▲ DURING THE TRADEMARKED'S SET. Zach Brum, sophomore, plays a guitar solo. "It (Battle) just felt like a regular gig in front of the school," Zach said.

Riley patient, Phoenix Bridegroom, the cousin of Mrs. Kyleen Nolan, science teacher, attended Dance Marathon as an event speaker

MORE THAN ONE WAY TO SEE IT

"I've seen first hand what Riley's does for patients and families and I'm just so proud of the kids who attended this event."

Mrs. Kyleen Nolan, science teacher

"I felt great going to the event because it was a great cause for the children who were sick and we got to raise money for them."

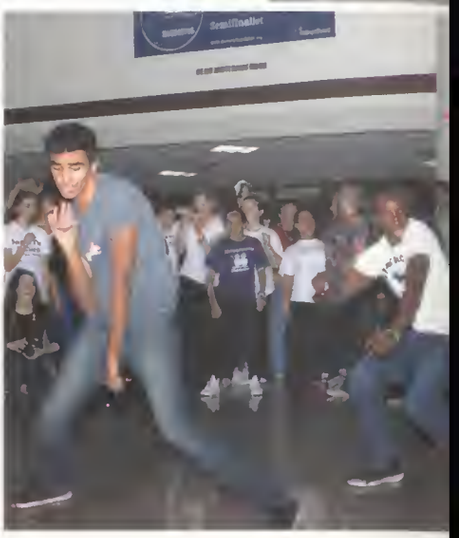
Christina Mendoza, freshman

▲ SNACK TIME At the dessert station, Niko Ingoglia, senior, ices cupcakes with Phoenix Bridegroom, a Riley patient. "She was a really incredible little girl and it was very fun decorating cupcakes with her," Niko said. "It really put into perspective what we were doing and what we raised money for."

UNDER the blacklight

White and neon clothing glowed at the DECA Dance

▶IN THE MIDDLE. Mary Pugh, sophomore, dances while everyone watches. "I wanted to go because it was a good idea to have an informal dance and it sounded like a lot of fun," Mary said. "I thought it (the blacklights) was really cool and I really liked it." ▼ LEADING THE DOUGIE. Eashan Kumar, senior, and Lawrence Gaines, junior, dance for the crowd. "I liked them (the blacklights)," Eashan said. "They provided a different environment at school dances." ▼ HAND IN HAND. juniors Aron Panas and Kasey Luehrs dance together. "The blacklights created a different atmosphere and made it seem less like the Commons," Kasey said.



moving MUSIC

Trading high heels and suits for t-shirts and donations, students gathered to raise money and dance for a cause

As the sun sets on a Friday November night, DECA Vice President of Social, Emily Bochnowski, senior, tells Danica Obradovic, senior, to turn on the black lights. Gradually students walk in with their white glowing "Dance for a Cure" t-shirts. DECA members were unsure if their first informal dance for Cystic Fibrosis would be a success, but students quickly spread the word and the Commons filled.

"I couldn't have been happier with the outcome," Emily said. "We had a lot of people who doubted us (DECA), saying that we wouldn't have more than 50 students show up and we ended up having over 200 along with raising over $1,600."

Therese Capriglione, sophomore, attended the DECA dance as a way to support her school, her team and her friend.

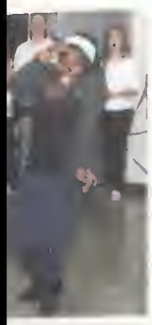
"For me and a lot of the people who attended, it was another incredible way that our school came together to honor and support not only Colleen Lusk and her family but all of those affected by CF," Therese said.

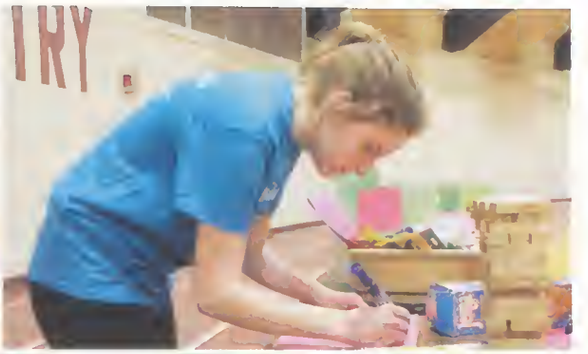
The DECA dance impacted Therese's decision to go to Dance Marathon in April, which benefited Riley Hospital for Children.

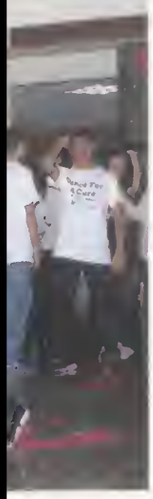
Student Government planned this event and Battle of the Bands, which raised over $4,400. Student Government member Matt Georgas, freshman, set up activities for the night in the fieldhouse.

"It turned out better than I expected because there was something for everybody," Matt said. "People were happy and excited to be at Dance Marathon. Since it was for a good cause, I felt like more people wanted to come."

▶ FOLLOW THE LEADER In between line dance parts, Fernando Jimenez, senior, teaches a dance to the song "Classic" by MKTO. "Being a part of Dance Marathon was actually exciting," Fernando said. "It was my first time ever teaching, and I knew I was using my talent for a good cause."







OFF THE dance floor

With the goal of keeping participants active all evening, Dance Marathon offered many activities for students

◀ COUNTING TO 21. seniors Ariana Chioros and Peter Panos play against each other in the bags tournament. "For Student Government I got to plan the bags tournament and I made sure to keep it as fair and legit as possible," Peter said. "It was a blast and really competitive. It was one of my favorite things of the night and it felt like everyone, including myself, really enjoyed it." ◀ MARKER IN HAND. Allison Mudro, senior, writes a message on a card which will be sent to children at Riley Hospital for Children. "I thought it was a really nice idea because it was a way to show the children at Riley how much we cared," Allison said. ◀ RIGHT FOOT ON GREEN. Jenson Huang, sophomore, Dan Green, junior, and Ishani Sharma, senior, play Twister. "I thought it was pretty fun," Ishani said. "Especially because we didn't have a real spinner, a person was just doing it (calling positions to put a body part on) all randomly." ◀ READY TO DIG IN. Prabhneet Girn, junior, admires her cupcake before she eats it. "The cupcake stand was a fun way to keep people on their feet and occupied at the same time, but at the same time it was different," Prabhneet said. "Whether they wanted to be creative or just eat, people enjoyed it."

CHANGE of beat

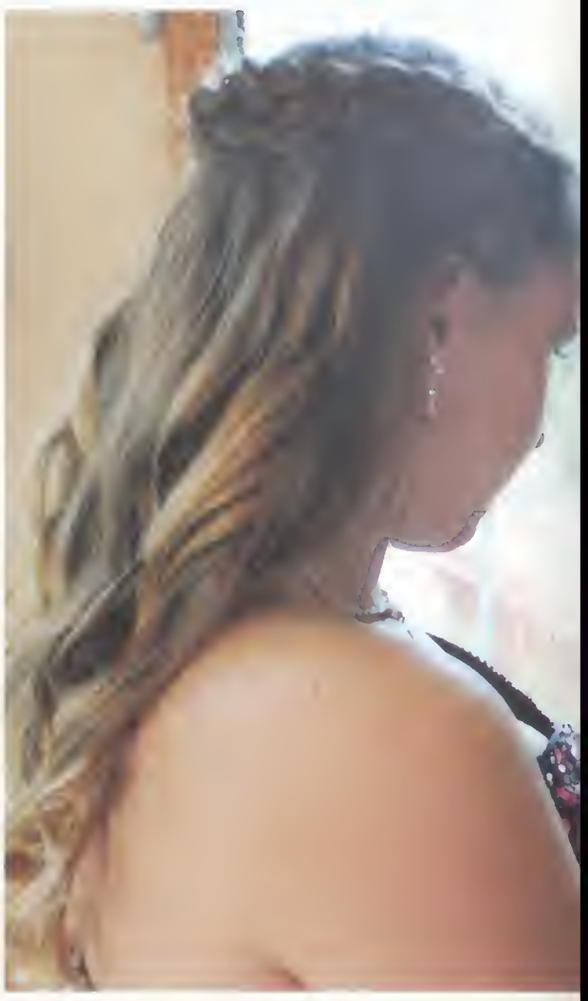
Former and current students served as DJs for the DECA dance and Dance Marathon

▲ MAKING HIS DEBUT. Aron Panas, junior, serves as the first ever Dance Marathon student DJ. "It was a good time," Aron said. "People seemed like they had fun and liked what I played." ◀ POINTING UP. Conor Taylor, junior, dances with his friends on the fieldhouse floor. "Dance Marathon was such a fun event because it brought the school together, not just to dance, but to support a really good cause," Conor said. "I thought it was really cool that he (Aron Panas, junior) was so successful at playing and making music." ◀ FIST PUMPING. Anisha Vavilala, sophomore, moves to the beat at the DECA dance. "I thought he (Angel Jimenez, '13) chose popular hits that many high schoolers listened to so that the majority could have a good time at the dance," Anisha said.

romantic REQUESTS

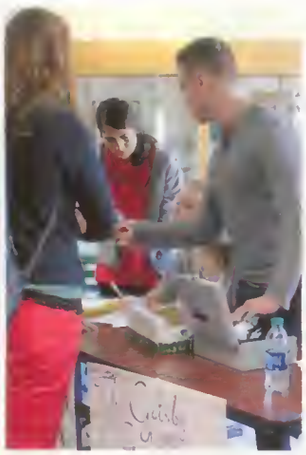
Creativity was put to the test when coming up with unique ways to ask someone to a dance

▶ DRESSED AS PRINCE CHARMING. Marty O'Shaughnessy, senior, rehearses his promposal to Emily Anderson, senior, with the help of seniors CJ Nunez and Kevin Yurasovich. "It (the idea) just kind of came to me because I call her my princess," Marty said. ▼ WITH A ROSE IN HIS MOUTH, Sam Toth, senior, lies in the middle of the pool to ask Nikki Smith, junior, to Prom. "She was so surprised and confused," Sam said. ▼ IN THE PARKING LOT, Maria Karamichos, senior, Martina Trivunovic, junior, and sophomores Jaenne Drwiega and Claire LeMonnier help Camille Jancosek, sophomore, ask Billy McDunn, junior, to Turnabout. "Billy is such a sweet guy, and it was great to see Camille so happy and watch Billy try to figure out all the clues," Claire said. ▼ SURROUNDED BY BALLOONS, seniors Wendy Stocky and Marko Lekic hug after Marko's homecoming proposal.



COUNTING stars

Dances sold several hundred tickets for each dance, but even more students attended the dances



▲ LUNCH RUSH Juniors Ayesha Khan and Cristian Poulis sell prom tickets during lunch. "It was nice to be able to see the inner-workings of prom," Ayesha said. "Brainstorming and collaborating the ideas with everyone was probably the most difficult part."

Source: Valerie Pflum, math teacher; social studies teachers Kristen Szafasz and Angela Wayne

from BEGINNING to END

Each part of the dances held special memories

DANCING SHOES ▶ during the dance

▼ PREPARATION PERFECTION before the dance

set up check-list

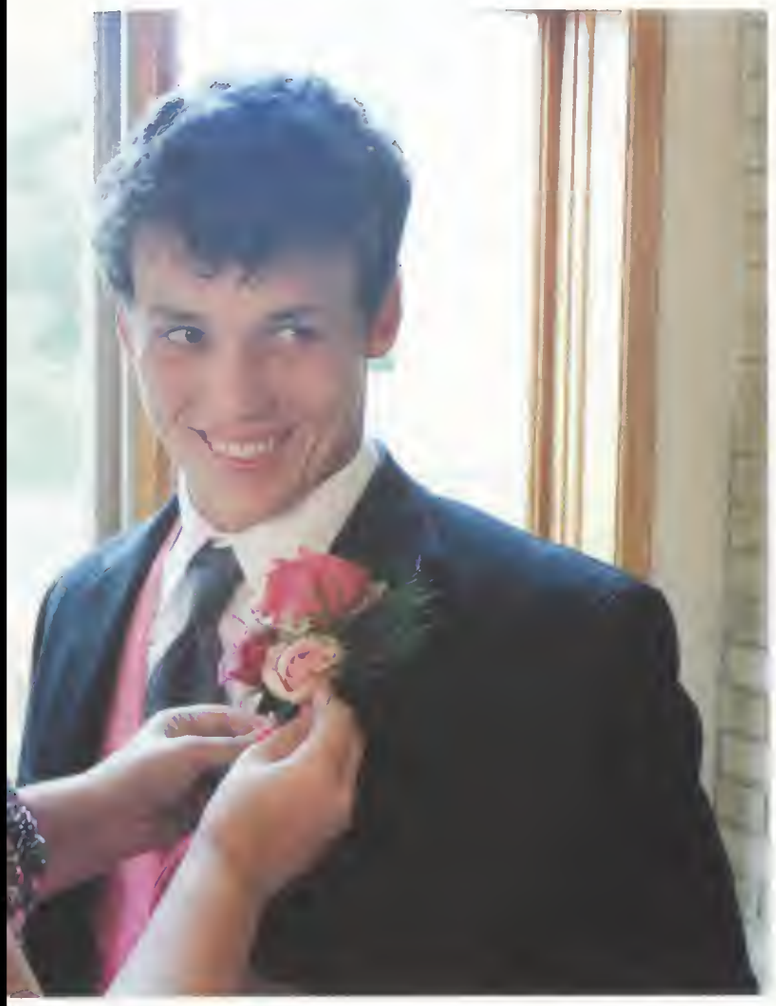
1. Choose the theme for the dance
2. Find and set up decorations
3. Obtain balloons and food
4. Coordinate the pep-rally (Homecoming only)

ashley's makeup tips

- ▶ Use an eyelash curler before mascara
- ▶ Use a slightly lighter concealer in a triangle under your eyes
- ▶ If your skin color is in between, use a lighter color and use a bronzer
- ▶ When doing cat liners, follow your natural eye line toward the end of your eyebrow
- ▶ Take off all your makeup before bed

Sources: Anna Riggs, sophomore, and Ashley Hwang, senior

▲ TAPING DECORATIONS, Jolie Goldberg, freshman, and Niko Ingoglia, senior, help set up the decorations for Homecoming. "It really helped you realize the hard work people put into it," Jolie said. ▲ PUTTING ON THE FINISHING TOUCHES, Ashley Hwang, senior, shows Audrey Mayer, junior, how her eyes look after doing her makeup for Homecoming. "I had a high interest in makeup and owned a lot of it," Ashley said. "There was no way I can use all of it myself, so I used it on other people."



dancing the day AWAY

From getting a date, to the dance and the party afterwards, the road to dances took plenty of time

Music blares. Students can feel the incredible heat in the gym at the Homecoming dance. "Party Rock Anthem" begins to play. Drenched in sweat, students wait for the bass to drop. They are shocked, however, when it doesn't, and the music cuts short.

"The most memorable part of the dance was when the music turned off," Colleen Kifer, senior, said. "Everyone just continued to have a good time and clap it out."

However, Nikki Smith, junior, had different thoughts when the music stopped.

"It (the music turning off) was annoying because everyone wanted to dance, but no one could," Nikki said.

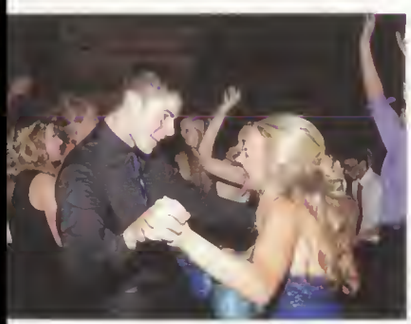
With the gym seemingly getting hotter and hotter, many students took breaks to get water or punch. Numerous students, dripping from sweat, crowded the hallway waiting for a drink to cool them down.

"I definitely didn't like the heat," Nikki said. "I really wish that it wasn't so hot in the gym."

Despite these technical difficulties, Daniel Straka, senior, will always remember homecoming because he felt the unity of the school on the dance floor.

"This, by far, was my favorite dance of all time," Daniel said. "For me, it was fun to be able to go out there and be myself. I finally felt like a part of the school."

◀ BOUTONNIERE READY Before the Homecoming dance, Kaitlin Battista, junior, places the boutonniere onto Marcello Urbanowicz's, junior, suit jacket. "It was amazing to go to yet another dance with the best date ever," Marcello said. "But she s not very good at putting the boutonniere in."



rhythms of the night

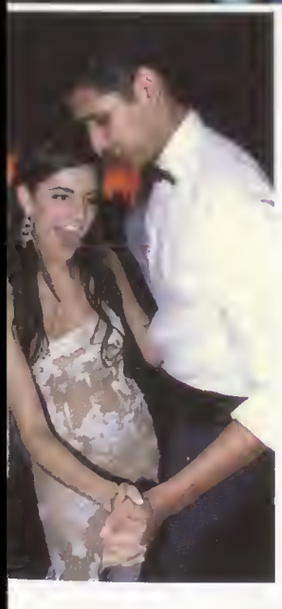
"ADORE YOU"
Miley Cyrus

"TALK DIRTY"
Jason Derulo

"POMPEII"
Bastille

"HOLDING ONTO YOU"
Twenty-One Pilots

"JUMP ON IT"
Sir Mix-A-Lot



▲ AT THEIR FOURTH DANCE TOGETHER, Tyler Steapleton, junior, dances with his date from Highland. "I had a fun time," Tyler said. "The music was better, better presentation and it was organized better at Munster." ◀ HAND IN HAND, Jessica Layous, junior, and Akhilesh Mishra, senior, slow dance during Prom.

NIGHT ON THE TOWN after the dance

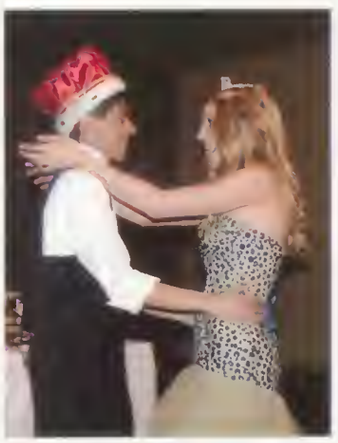
after party plans

- Head to Chicago and stay there overnight
- Spend the night at a lakehouse
- Sleepovers at a friend's house
- Go out to eat after the dance
- Movie night with the group

Source: seniors Ishani Sharma and Maritza Garcia

MORE THAN ONE WAY TO SEE IT

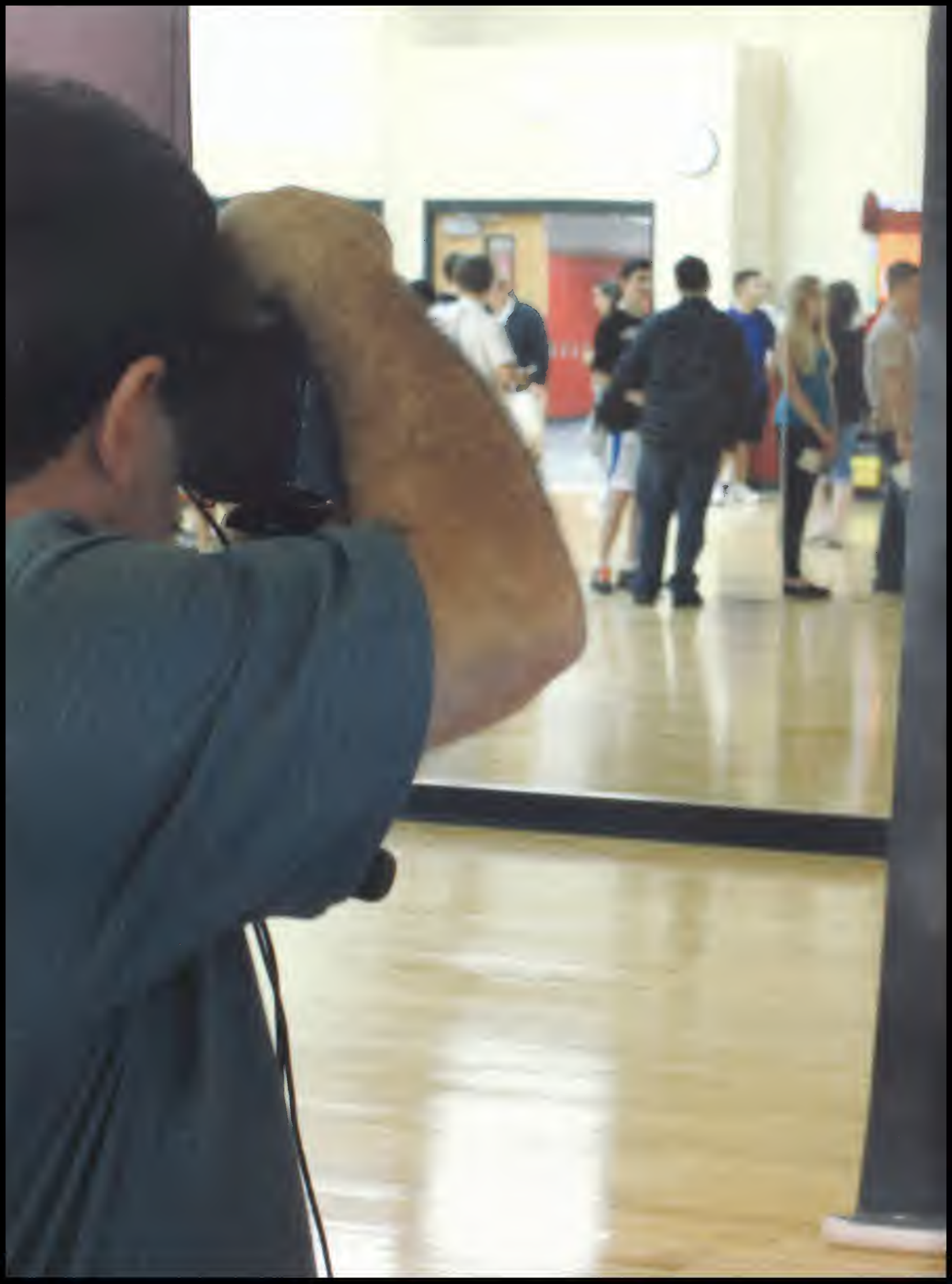
Both Prom King and Queen had different views on their royal winnings



▲ THE REIGNING ROYALS After being crowned Prom King and Queen, seniors CJ Nunez and Elaina Etter dance together. "Dancing with CJ was so much fun, Elaina said. "He was hilarious and we were joking the whole time. He is a great guy and definitely deserved to be Prom King."

"I thought they were kidding. But on a serious note, I was happy. It was a nice feeling, and I was glad I won. It's something I can remember for the rest of my life."
CJ Nunez, senior

"I was in complete shock. It was an honor to be even nominated to Prom court. I never expected to win. I think about it now and it seems a little surreal."
Elaina Etter, senior



We heard the same names everyday, whether it was the substitute taking roll-call or someone getting called down to Guidance. These names ran together in the noise of the hallway and classroom, but everyone had a story to tell. Some of these stories were unique, while others were shared amongst many.

The faces behind these names also blended together. Some wore Doc Martens or Keds and others sported army jackets or flannel. But, we all had the same backpack, even if we didn't use it.

Walking from North to South, we passed by unfamiliar faces. The girl who left seventh hour early actually had to attend rowing practice for a Chicago varsity team. The snippets of conversation you heard between teachers in the hallway actually pertained to the last episode of "The Walking Dead." Some of these names we hear on the intercom everyday, and it may just seem like background noise. But, every single person has a story which makes them

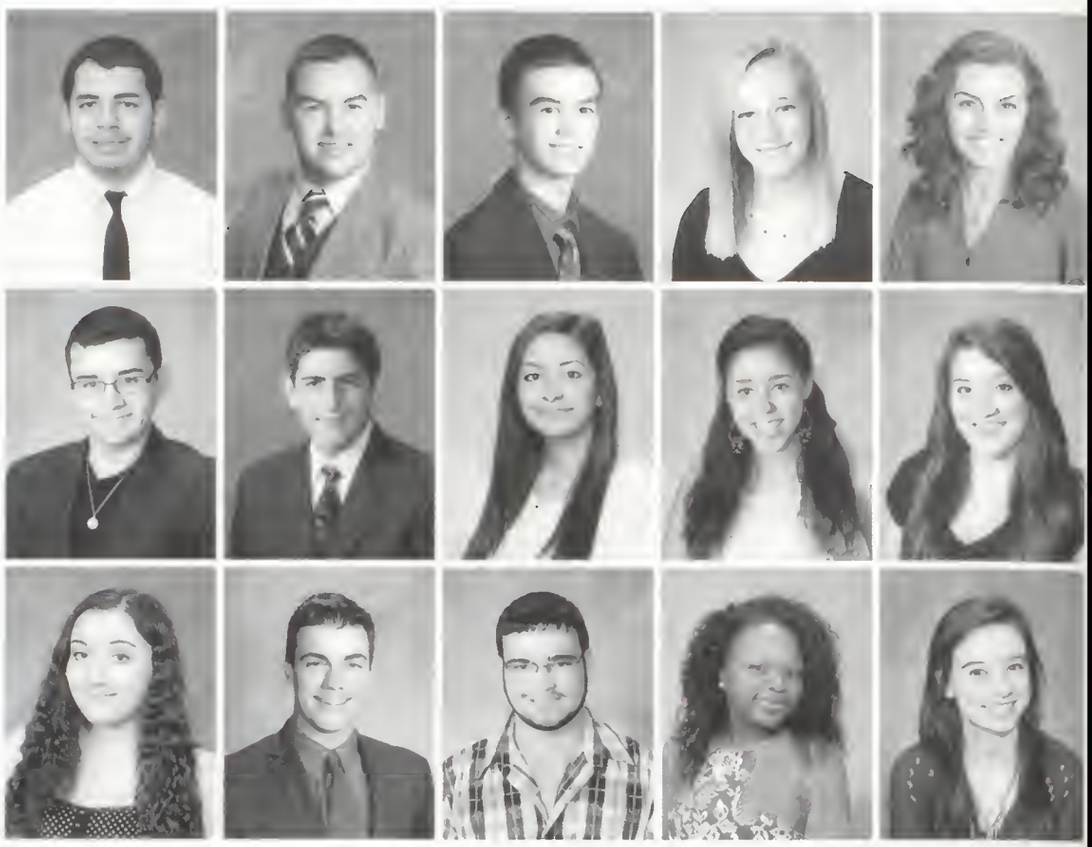
MORE THAN NAMES

◀ SAY CHEESE Claire Bailey, sophomore, prepares to take her yearbook picture after glancing in the mirror to check her make up and fix her hair. "It (yearbook pictures) show how much people change over the short, four years we are here," Claire said. "I think the pictures are also showing that each person is their own; everyone is different."

Tayseer Abdelsalam: Football 9-10
Erick Alanis
Brandon Amaloo
Emily Anderson: Volleyball 9, Track 10, Swimming & Diving 10-12, French Club 9-12, NHS 11-12, DECA 10-12
Evangelia Andreatos: Track 9-12, Spanish Club 9-10, NHS 11-12, Project X 11, Speech & Debate 9-10

Christopher Anguiano: Environmental Club 12, Publications Photographer 12, ASL Club 11-12
Jack Arnold: Soccer 9-12, Spanish Club 12, Speech & Debate 9-11
Kathryn Arteaga: Spanish Club 9-12, Project X 11-12
Betty Askew: Basketball 9, Track 9-12, SADD 10
Jessica Avina: Science Olympiad 10-12 (State Champions 11, National Medal for Write It Do It 11, Captain 11-12), JETS 9-10,12, Softball 9-10, Art Club 9-10, Project X 9-10, Spanish Club 9-10, Environmental Club 12

Victoria Avina: Crier 10-12, (Associate Editor 12), ISSMA 9-10, Poetry Club 10, Cross Country 9, Environmental Club 12
Jonathan Azar: Baseball 9-12, Football 12, DECA 10-11, Spanish Club 9-10, Speech & Debate 9-10, Project X 9-11, NHS 11-12
James Baker
Jessica Banks
Caroline Beckman: Cross Country 9-11, Orchestra 9-10, NHS 11-12, Project X 9-10



JACK OF ALL TRADES

From Goodwill to gifts from grandparents, Brandon Amaloo, senior, obtained instruments in various ways

BANJO

"When people die in Tennessee, they auction off all their stuff in their front yard. My grandpa was in Tennessee, and he went to one of these auctions and saw the banjo and bought it. It sat in his garage for twenty years, and then one day, he just decided to give it to me, and that was that."

DIDGERIDOO

GUITAR

KEYBOARD

UKULELE

PAN FLUTE

"My grandma went to Peru and got me it (pan flute) as a gift coming back because she always looked out for musical instruments for me."

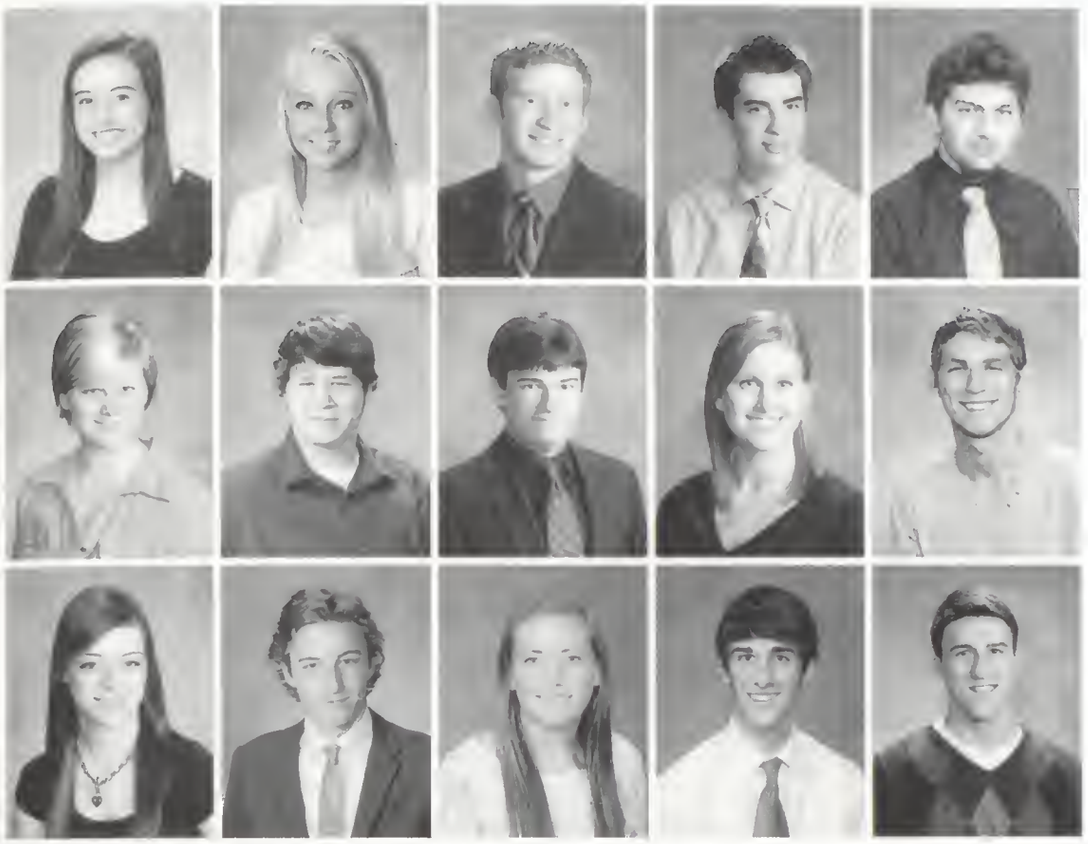
VIOLIN

"Every year at Goodwill out by my cottage, they had this big sale, and we went just to see if there was anything worth getting, whether it was an ugly sweater or a ridiculous hat or whatever. So, they just had a pile of broken instruments, so I picked up the (violin) case and inspected it, and it was in pretty good condition. So, that was my 30 dollar Goodwill gem."

NOT PICTURED:
Drums
Mandolin

PICTURED TO RIGHT:
Bass

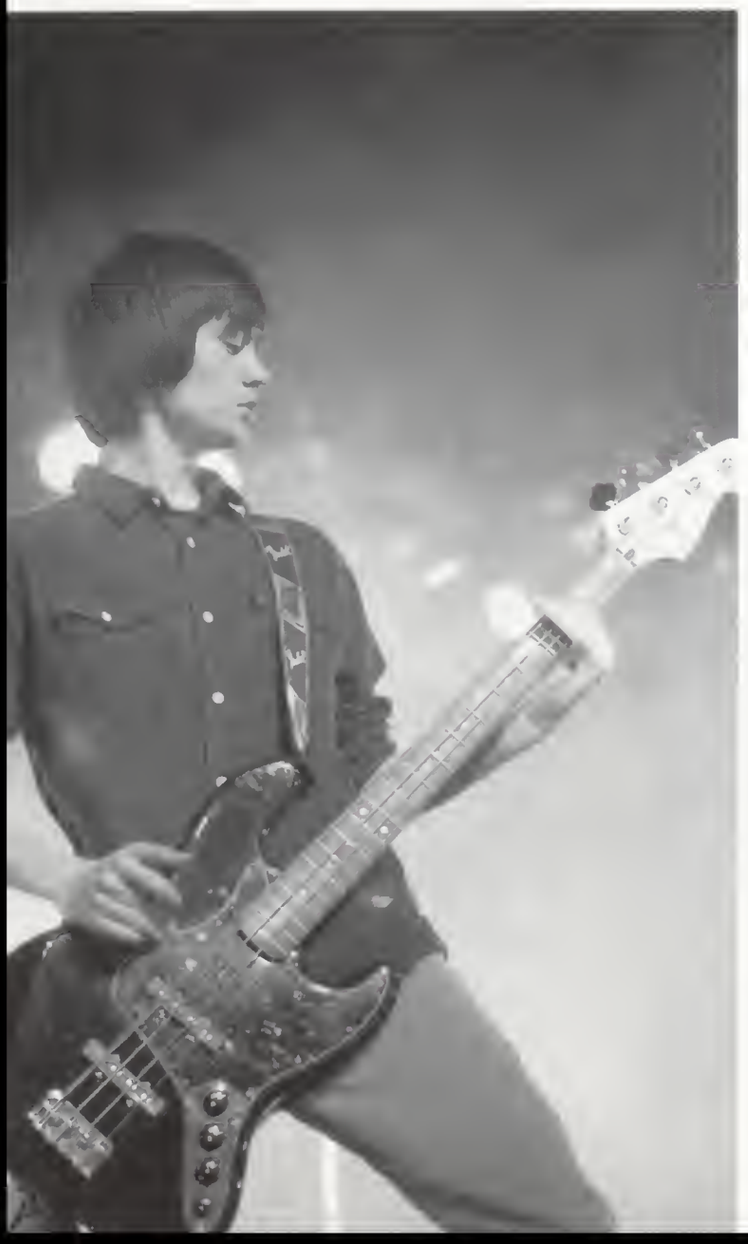
▲ DIDGERIDOO IN HAND, Brandon Amaloo, senior, practices playing one of his ten instruments. "I saw it on Youtube, and somebody was like beat boxing into it, and I thought it was the craziest and most awesome thing ever," Brandon said. "(My favorite part was) just being able to zone out. It's almost like meditating. You just breathe in and breathe out." ▶BATTLING IT OUT, Brandon competes in Battle of the Bands with his band, Chief Diamond Phillips. "I would never have expected to be in a band or be friends with anyone in Chief Diamond Phillips," Brandon said. "For all of us to really connect like that was awesome."



Elizabeth Beckman: Cross Country 9-11, NHS 11-12, Project X 9-10
Abigail Bednarowski: Volleyball 9-10, Basketball 9
Samuel Bell: Football 10,12, Baseball 9-12
Jeremy Benedek: We The People 12
William Benman

Samantha Bensema: German Club 9,12, Robotics 11-12, Environmental Club 12 (Secretary 12)
Austin Berry
James Bieniak: Swimming & Diving 9-10, German Club 10-11, NHS 11-12, Robotics 12, Pep Band 9-12, Jazz Band 12, Marching Band 9-12
Mary Blocher: NHS 11-12, Swimming & Diving 9-12 (Captain 11-12), SADD Club 9-12, Volleyball 9-10
Justin Bobos

Emily Bochnowski: DECA 9-12 (VP 12), Speech & Debate 9-10, Cheerleading 9-11, Science Olympiad 11-12
Spencer Boerman: Ice Hockey 11-12, Poetry Club 11-12
Kaitlyn Bohling: Track 9-12, Cross Country 10-12 (Captain 12), Best Buddies 12
Thomas Bolanowski: Cross Country 9-12 (Captain 11-12), Track 9-12 (Captain 11-12), NHS 11-12, DECA 10-12, Spanish Club 9-11
Adis Bradaric: Ping Pong Club, Wrestling 10,12



STRIKING A CHORD

Pursuing his passion for music, Brandon Amaloo, senior, learned how to play ten instruments

Keyboard, drums, ukulele, mandolin, didgeridoo, banjo, pan flute, violin and eight guitars. No, this is not an instrument store. It it is actually senior Brandon Amaloo's house.

"We had the keyboard and the guitar, and then I wanted to learn bass, and then I wanted to learn drums and it just kept piling on and on," Brandon said. "I realized that I wanted to create a lot of these sounds on my own."

After private lessons and watching Youtube videos, Brandon taught himself how to play ten instruments.

"Learning how to play the guitar got me the basics," Brandon said. "The didgeridoo was the hardest instrument to learn because you had to learn how to breathe in and out at the same time, so it was kind of ridiculous."

Brandon expanded on his passion for music by creating his own work and performing for an audience.

"My favorite part about music is being able to write and express myself," Brandon said. "I like playing live and just playing for people and entertaining. I love that."

After enrolling in Columbia College in Chicago, Brandon planned to study music composition to pursue a career in the music industry.

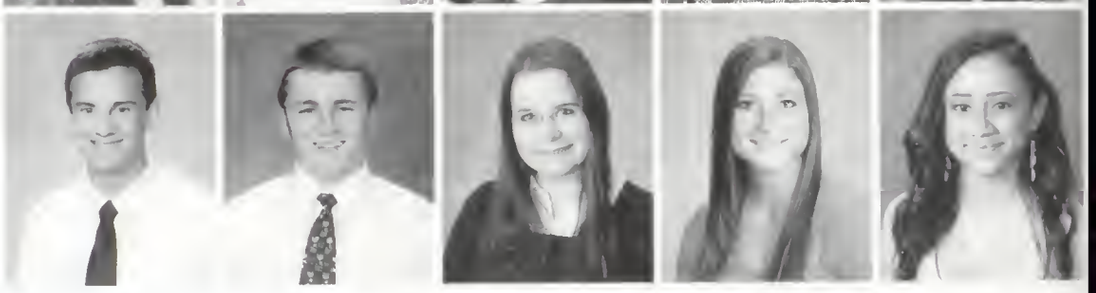
"I'm not a hundred percent sure yet, but I'd like to do something with performing and writing," Brandon said. "But, being in a pit for a band or playing live for it in the background would be totally fine with me."

Ryan Brickman
Vincent Broelmann: Speech & Debate 12
Amanda Brown
Jason Brown
Kendra Brown: Best Buddies 11, Project X 10-11

Jesse Bruzan: Baseball 9-12, Basketball 9, Project X 9-10, Best Buddies 12
Amber Caldwell: Volleyball 9-12, Softball 9, German Club 9-10, Best Buddies 11
Cesar Camacho: Spanish Club 9-12 (Co-President 12), Publications Photographer 10-12, NHS 11-12, MTC 10-12, Swimming & Diving 9, Track 9, Speech & Debate 10-12
Matthew Cappo: Marching Band 9-12 (Section Leader 12), Robotics 9-12, German Club 9-12
Steven Caraher: MTC 9-12 (President 12), Speech & Debate 11-12, French Club 9-12, NHS 11-12, Men's Ensemble 9-12

Itxel Carlos
Alexis Carrizales: Track 9-10, Poetry Club 12
Gina Catania: Dance 9-12 (Captain 11-12), DECA 10-12, Project X 9-11, NHS 11-12
Uttam Chander
Ariana Chioros: DECA 9-12, Cheerleading 9 11-12, Student Government 9-10, German Club 9-10, CEC 11-12

Ian Clark: German Club 9-12 (President 11-12), Speech & Debate (9-10)
Alex Coccia: Baseball 9-12
Charmaine Connell: Speech & Debate 9-12 (Captain 9-12, National Qualifier 12), French Club 9-11
Sadie Conner: Basketball 9-10, Softball 9-12
Maritza Contreras: Track 9, Spanish Club 9-11, French Club 9



FACE THE HEAT

Preparing for his future career, Luke Groszewski, senior, volunteers at the fire department with his father

Nov. 3rd, 2013, 15 minutes before shift change, dispatch sent out the first fire tone, sending the fire fighters out to rescue a mother and two children from a burning house.

They hauled down Broadway to their destination, which on a normal day would have taken 15-20 minutes; they did it in four.

The Rescue Squad 2 goes in for the search as the main fire is being hit, or hosed down. The crew hands the two children through the window and rushes to the front ambulance, just as the grandparents are pulled out as well.

It all started three years ago, when Luke Groszewski, senior, really got interested into the fire service.

"I mean I was always interested in it," Luke said, "but that is when I started actually doing stuff with it."

He started spending shifts with his dad at his firehouse at the Gary Fire Department, tagging along in his chief car fires whenever one was toned out.

In 2012, Luke joined a nationwide junior firefighter program, called the Explorers program.

"It's a fun program to be apart of," Luke said. "We do trainings on fire and rescue operation and EMS (Emergency Medical Services) skills."

While fighting fire has its downsides, it also has its perks, such as saving lives and the family bond you develop.

"It's the best career in my opinion," Luke said. "I love being part of it."

Following in the footsteps of his family, Luke intends to continue on his path.

"My brother and I will be third generation firefighters, following after my dad, who followed after his dad, my grandpa," Luke said.

▶ JUST CHECKIN' Doing some double checking, Luke Groszewski, secures the tools dressed in gear. "I have always wanted to be a firefighter, as long as I can remember," Luke said. "It's a job that runs in my family, usually most firefighters have some sort of tradition in their family."

Analiese Corey: Track 10, ASL Club 10-12
Alexander Courtney: Soccer 11-12
Tatiana Cruz: Pep Band 9-12, Spanish Club 9-12, ASL Club 10-12, STAND 11-12, Best Buddies 11-12, SADD 12, Marching Band 9-10, 12
Laurel Curran: STAND 9-11 (Founder, Director of Leadership 9-11), Soccer 9, Spanish Club 9-10, German Club 11, Civics Club 9-11, Speech & Debate 9-10, Orchestra 9-11 (Orchestra Council Representative 9-11) NHS 11, ASL Club 9-11
Shriya Das

Alex Del Rio: Football 9, Basketball 9-10, Student Government 11, Baseball 9-12
Antonio Delgado: Art Club 10, 12, Spanish Club 10-11
Ricardo Delgado: Soccer 9-12, We The People 11
Demetri Delis
Paul Derolf: Football 9-12, Environmental Club 12

Alyse Dittrich: Best Buddies 12
Luis Dominguez: Science Olympiad 9-12, NHS 11-12, Spanish Club 10-12, French Club 9-12 (President 11, Officer 12), Marching Band 9-12 (Section Leader 10-12), Pep Band 10-12, JETS 11-12, Academic Super Bowl 12, DECA 10-12
Matthew Dorabialski
Gabrielle Dore: Swimming & Diving 9-10, Spanish Club 9-11, CEC 10-12, NHS 12, Publications Photographer 11-12 (Head Photographer 12)
Cassandra Eberle: NHS 12, Crier 10-12 (Editor-in-Chief 12), Quill and Scroll 12
Zackary Eismin
Ruben Escalante: Poetry Club 11-12
Julia Eskander: Concert Band 9-11, Color Guard 10, Pep Band 9-10, Marching Band 9-10, Spanish Club 9-12, Best Buddies 9-12
Austin Etter
Elaina Etter: Cheerleading 9-12 (Captain 9-10,12), NHS 11-12, Science Olympiad 12, Project X 10-11, Speech & Debate 9-10, Spanish Club 9-11

▲ MADE FOR WALKIN' Slipping on his boots, he adds one more layer before finally adding his jacket. For Luke Groszewski, senior, balancing school and volunteering is fairly easy. "I only ride with Gary on the weekends or days off from school, whenever I can," Luke said. "I'm a senior, so once I graduate it will open up the opportunity to get more time in and do more stuff on my days."

DECODE THIS

Firefighters use a code language to communicate over the radio on the job

10-4
Acknowledgement

10-5
Repeat message

10-10
Continue at reduced speed

10-13
Fire marshal needs assistance

10-24
Auto fire

10-38
Carbon monoxide response

10-60
Major emergency response

Source: New York Fire Department

HOME AWAY FROM HOME

To Nathalie Kauz, senior, being a dual citizen meant a lot more than just owning two passports

As she swings higher and higher on the century old swing set, Nathalie Kauz, senior, can begin to see the old town of Lucerne, filled with rusty, four story high buildings with painted flowers fading away on the old brick.

This is Mt. Pilatus, Switzerland, where Nathalie spent her childhood. After moving to the United States and becoming a citizen, Nathalie gained a dual-citizenship, which meant she could visit Mt. Pilatus at anytime.

"Mt. Pilatus was a park I lived by," Nathalie said. "It was my favorite place because even if I didn't speak a single word of what the other kids were saying, I could always play with them. It was really the origin of where I really became interested in the idea of foreign people, which made moving to the United States exciting for me."

With Switzerland's many international organizations, Nathalie became interested in international relations. By becoming a dual-citizen, Nathalie gained a different perspective of the two countries.

"Going through the process of becoming a citizen and helping my mother make the decision of whether or not to become a citizen, really helped me look more into the world," Nathalie said.

▶ TICKET TO SWITZERLAND Looking at her Swiss passport, Nathalie Kauz, senior, enjoyed being a part of both Switzerland and the United States. "Since I am a citizen of Switzerland, I have an appreciation for both countries," Nathalie said "It is a nice balance between of the two."

PAPERS PLEASE When compared side by side, Switzerland and the U.S. had a number of differences

SWITZERLAND
- Home of Red Cross ▶
- U.N. Headquarters ▶
- Music includes yodeling and alphorn ▶

UNITED STATES
- Home to world's largest roller coaster ▶
- Movie capital of world ▶
- Consumes the most peanut butter ▶

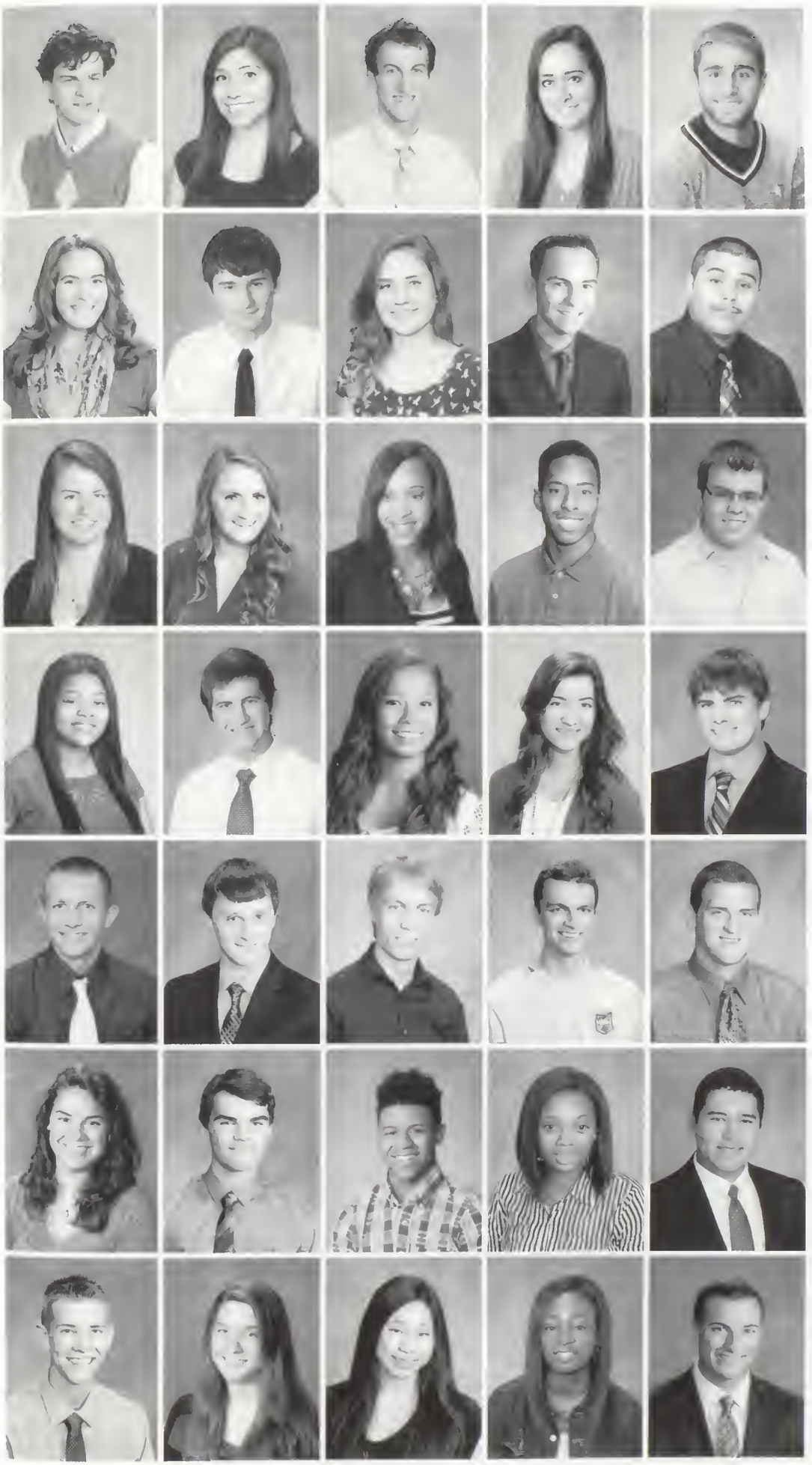
Source: factmonster.com, sciencekids.co.nz

"Compared to the U.S., Switzerland is a lot smaller, and the Alps are just gorgeous and it is so independent. Everything there is so orderly. It is sometimes joked that it's like a utopia. The United States is also very independent, which sometimes I like. It is also very open-minded and progressive, and that is something that is so important for a country."

Nathalie Kauz, senior

Maui Evans
Shannon Farrell: Volleyball 9-12 (Captain 12), Spanish Club 9-11
Bess Fary: Speech & Debate 10-12, Women's Vocal Ensemble 10-12, NHS 11-12, MTC 10-12, Orchestra 9-11
Hannah Fischer: MTC 9-12 (Co-technical Director 12), Marching Band 9-12 (Section Leader 12), Concert Band 9-12, NHS 11-12, French Club 9-12, Best Buddies 12, Environmental Club 12, Ping Pong Club 9
Brenda Flores

Jonathan Flores: Track 9-12, Spanish Club 11
Jacob Flynn
James Foster: Football 9-12, Speech & Debate 11-12
Alison Frankland: Cheerleading 9-12 (Captain 10-11), Spanish Club 9-10, Choir 10-12, Project X 11-12 (President 12), DECA 11-12, NHS 11-12
Evan Fus: Robotics 9-10, Band 9-12, Pep Band 9-10,12, Jazz Band 10



Joseph Gallagher: Ping Pong Club 9, Speech & Debate 10, MTC 10-12, French Club 11, CEC 12, We The People 12, Orchestra 12, Pep Band 12, Jazz Band 12
Maritza Garcia: Volleyball 9, Track 9, DECA 11-12, Best Buddies 10, 12, French Club 9-12 (Co-President 12) NHS 11-12, Paragon 10, Orchestra 9-10, CEC 11-12
Jacob Gariup
Aleksandra Gasich: Dance 9-12 (Captain 10), Spanish Club 10-11, Project X 10-11, NHS 11-12
Demetrios Georgalas: Soccer 9-12, Spanish Club
Amelia Georgas: MTC 9-12, French Club 9-12, SADD 9-12, Swimming & Diving 9, NHS 11-12, Ping Pong Club 12, Women's Vocal Ensemble 12
Shawn Gish: Track 10-12, Art Club, Ping Pong Club, German Club, Art Show (1st place)
Kori Gleason: Civics Club 11, NHS 11-12
Harrison Goldenberg: DECA 9-12, Speech & Debate 9-12, NHS 11-12, Science Olympiad 12
Miguel Gonzalez

Allyson Goodrich: Soccer 9-12
Casey Gouwens: Athletic Trainer 9-12, Publications Photographer 11-12
Cheyenne Green
Malik Green
Lucas Groszewski

Amber Grove: Art Club 12
Cody Grzybowski: Basketball 9-12, Spanish Club 9-10, NHS 11-12, DECA 9
Sydney Gunty: Cheerleading 9-12, Track 9-12, NHS 11-12, DECA 10-12, Student Government 11, CEC 12, Project X 10-12, Spanish Club 9-11, Art Club 9-10, Speech & Debate 10, Scholar Athlete 9-12, SADD 10-11
Alondra Guzman
Kyle Hansen: Football 9-12, Track 10

Tyler Hansen
Brandon Hanusin
Max Hastings
Robert Heitz: Ping Pong Club 9-12
Samuel Helmer

Heather Hemingway: Swimming & Diving 9-12, Tennis 9-10, Marching Band 9-12, Concert Band 9-12, NHS 11-12, German Club 9-11, Spanish Club 9-11
Nelson Hemingway
Steven Herndon
Diamond Hill
David Hladek: Baseball 9-12, French Club 10-12

Ross Hobbs: Project X 10-12
Emylee Huard
Ashley Hwang: Swimming & Diving 9-12 (All-American 9, 11), French Club 9-12, NHS 11-12, Environmental Club 12
Blessing Ibikunle-Salami
Nicklaus Ingoglia: Football 9-12, Student Government 9-12, DECA 9-12, We The People 11, Speech & Debate 10, NHS 11-12

Katarina Ivanovic: French Club 9-12
Priasha Iyer: Spanish Club 10-11, Orchestra 9-12
Fernando Jimenez
Ana Johnson
Joseph Jumonville: Baseball 11, Football 11

Katlin Kalemba: DECA 10-12, Cheerleading 9-12, Speech & Debate 12
Eric Kalis: Student Government 12, Ice Hockey 9-12, Spanish Club 10
Emily Kaniewski: French Club 9-12, Softball 9-10, NHS 11-12, Volleyball 9-12, Choir 9-12, Orchestra 9-12, German Club 9-11, Project X 12
Morgan Kaptur: Dance 9-12, Golf 10-12, Project X 9-12, Science Olympiad 11-12, NHS 11-12, We The People 11, German Club 10-11
Maria Karamichos: Concert Band 9-12, Color Guard 9-12 (Captain 11-12), NHS 11-12, CEC 10-12 (Treasurer 12), MTC 9-10, Orchestra 11-12, SADD 11
Rebecca Karnezis: Cross Country 9-12, Track 9-11, Choir 9-12, MTC 9-12, NHS 11-12, Project X 10, CEC 9
Taylor Katalinic: Softball 9-10, Project X 12, Spanish Club 12
Nathalie Kauz: We The People 12, DECA 9-12 (Co-president 12), NHS 11-12 (Secretary 12), CEC 9-12 (Secretary 12)
Paulina Kawalec
Zachary Kennedy: Student Government 9, Football 9-12

COMIC RELIEF

Taking part in a Second City Summer Camp, Judie Muhrez, senior, learned many comedic skills

Waking up at eight on a summer morning, Judie Muhrez, senior, heads off to her morning improv sessions. After lunch, she prepares for an afternoon of writing and performing sketches. This became Judie's routine in the summer of 2012 as she attended a week-long Second City Summer Camp.

"Second City is a comedy club in Chicago where multiple casts perform improv for different audiences every night," Judie said. "At the summer camp, they taught you improv skills and how to write and perform sketches."

At the end of the camp, the attendees had the opportunity to take part in a performance night that friends and family could attend.

"The performance night was run like an actual Second City show," Judie said. "You took sketches you've done and performed throughout the weeks and assigned parts and chose an improv game. Then we had an hour long performance on an actual Second City stage."

Although the camp gave her many different experiences and useful, comedic skills, Judie enjoyed a few parts in particular.

"I loved writing sketches and then having other people perform them," Judie said. "I also enjoyed performing them myself."

Since she was interested in a career in comedy writing, this summer camp seemed like the perfect opportunity for Judie.

"I wanted to go into something along the lines of comedy writing, and this was a good experience to have since Second City jump starts a lot of comedy writers' careers," Judie said. "It was really cool, and it reassured me that I definitely want to go into something like this."

LAUGH IT OFF ▲ Acting as Captain Von Trapp from *The Sound of Music*, Judie Muhrez, senior, practices her Humor speech "My Favorite Fangs." "Second City helped me a lot in Speech," Judie said. "If I messed up, I knew how to improv my way through. It also taught me how to feed off the energy of the audience."

Deeva Khatiwada: Student Government 10-12 (Secretary 12), NHS 11-12 (President 12), DECA 9-12, Spanish Club 9-10, Project X 10-11
Colleen Kifer: Speech & Debate 10-12, MTC 9-12, Women's Vocal Ensemble 9-12, ASL Club 11-12
Jung Ho Kim
Brian King
Matthew Kingdollar

Elizabeth Kloos: Volleyball 9-12 (Captain 12), Basketball 9-10, Track 10-12, Spanish Club 9-12, NHS 11-12
Joseph Kmak: Football 9-11, Wrestling 11-12, DECA 10-11
Natalia Kotz
Samantha Koufos: Swimming & Diving 9, Spanish Club 9-11, NHS 11-12, Soccer 9-12, SADD 11-12, Student Government 9-12, Speech & Debate 9-10, DECA 11-12
Haridimos Kouklakis: We The People 12, Soccer 11-12, Ping Pong Club 9, DECA 12

Alissa Kowalski: German Club 9-10, ASL Club 11-12, JETS 11-12, Project X 12
Andrew Kremmidas
Kyle Kristoff
Kasey Kulesa: Tennis 9-12, Project X 9-11, Spanish Club 10-12
Eashan Kumar: Student Government 9-12 (President 12), DECA 9-12 (VP 11, Secretary 12), Speech & Debate 9-12, Track 10-12, NHS 11-12 (VP 12), We The People 11, Spanish Club 9-11, Best Buddies 11-12, Project X 11-12, Academic Superbowl 11-12, Science Olympiad 12, MTC 12, German Club 10, French Club 10, Principal's Award of Excellence 11

MULTIPLE PERSONALITIES

With numerous characters in her Humor speech, Judie Muhrez, senior, got used to changing characters quickly by learning each of their unique personalities

MARIA

Vampire with a bad temper ▶
Confident ▶
Turns Von Trapp family into vampires ▶

"Maria always pretended to have it all together, but she really didn't."

KURT

◀ Third Von Trapp child
◀ Tends to act stupid

"He was always blunt and never held back."

LIESL

Oldest Von Trapp child ▶
Typical teenage girl ▶

"She was one of the only sensible characters in the piece."

GRETL

◀ Youngest Von Trapp
◀ Little girl
◀ Know-it-all

"She always found a way to ruin the moment. It was really funny."

Savannah Kurgan: Track 9, Swimming & Diving 9, Project X 9-11, Spanish Club 9-11
Emily Lagestee: Swimming & Diving 9-12
Jacob Lakomek: Poetry Club 12
Isabella Lappo: Swimming & Diving 10, Project X 12
Catherine Lebryk: CEC 9-12 (President 10), Project X 10, German Club 9-11, Spanish Club 9-10, Art Club 9-10 , Softball 9-12, Soccer 9-10, Basketball 9, Athletic Trainer 10-12, Best Buddies 10

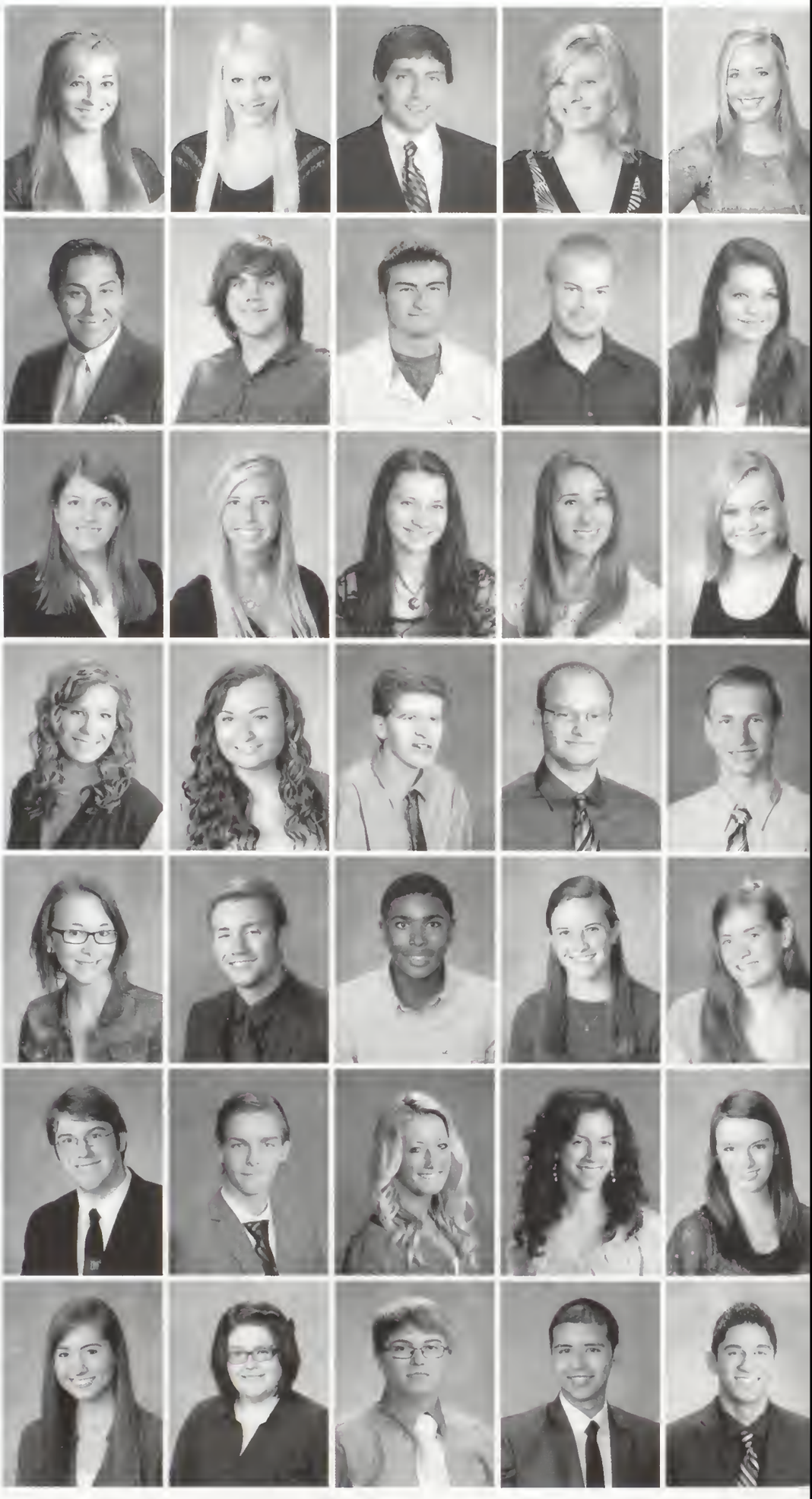
Marko Lekic: Band 9-10, MTC 9-10
Flynn LeMonnier: Tennis 9-12 (Captain 12), School Mascot 11-12, French Club 10-12
Kyle Leuser
Zachary Liesenfelt
Skylar Lolkema

Katherine Long: Track 9-10, JETS 9, German Club 9-12 (President 12), Speech & Debate 10-12, Orchestra 9-12, NHS 11-12, Robotics 9
Kailee Loughlin: Track 9-12, Soccer 9-12 (Captain 12), Student Government 9-10, CEC 11-12, Spanish Club 9-10, Project X 9-11, SADD 11-12, NHS 11-12
Jessika Majszak
Nicole Mammano: Speech & Debate 9-10, DECA 11, Crier 11-12, Color Guard 11-12, Environmental Club 12 (Founder, President 12), Project X 10-12, French Club 9-12
Cheyenne Marciniak: French Club 11-12
Rachel Markowicz: Volleyball 9-12, German Club 9-12, Project X 9-11, NHS 11-12
Amanda Martin
Nathan Matthews
Eliott Maul: Football 9-11, Wrestling 12, Science Olympiad 10
Patrick McCarthy: Basketball 9-12

Amy McCullough
Michael McGrath
Reginald McKenney
Emily McNicholas: Cross Country 9-12 (Captain 12),Track 9-12 (Captain 12), DECA 10-12 (VP 12) ,NHS 11-12, Spanish Club 9-11
Deanna McPartlan: Softball 10-12 (Manager), ASL Club 10-12

Benjamin Mecyssine: MTC 9-12, Robotics 9-12, French Club 9-11
Tyler Mehay
Taylor Michalski: Softball 9-12 (Captain 11)
Taylor Mihalic: Softball 9, Basketball 9-12, Dance 9
Victoria Miller: ASL Club 10-12 (President 12), MTC 9, 11-12

Amanda Milojkovitch: Spanish Club 9-12 (Co-President 12), Project X 9-12 (President 12), Art Club 10-12 (VP 12), NHS 11-12, Best Buddies 9-12, SADD 9-12, Ping Pong Club 9-11, ASL Club 11-12, French Club 12, German Club 9, Soccer 9
Lauren Mintz: Marching Band 9-11, Concert Band 9-11, Orchestra 9-10, French Club 9-12, German Club 11, MTC 9-12, Best Buddies 12
Jacob Mirowski
Akhilesh Mishra: Science Olympiad 9-12, DECA 9-12, Speech & Debate 9-12, JETS 9-12, Academic Superbowl 10-12, Tennis 9-10, NHS 11-12, Ping Pong Club 9-10, We The People 11, Lexus Eco Challenge 11
Saam Mojtahed: Track 9-12 (Captain 11-12), Basketball 9, Football 9, DECA 9-12 (Secretary 11, VP 12), Civics Club 11-12 (President 12), Spanish Club 9-12, Speech & Debate 9, 11, Academic Team 11-12, NHS 11-12, National Merit Finalist



Haley Moles: Speech & Debate 9-12, Orchestra 9-12, NHS 11-12
Alexis Monthie: Tennis 9-12, Spanish Club 9-12, Art Club 10-12, NHS 11-12, Best Buddies 9-10, Ping Pong Club 9-10, French Club 12, SADD 12
Pam Muangmingsuk: French Club 9-12 (Co-President 12), Swimming & Diving 9-11, Publications Photographer 12, Project X 10
Allison Mudro: DECA 9-12, Science Olympiad 11-12, NHS 11-12, Academic Superbowl 11-12, We The People 11
Judie Muhrez: Track 9, Ping Pong Club 9, 12, Spanish Club 9-11, German Club 10, DECA 10-12, NHS 11-12, Speech & Debate 9-12 (VP 12), MTC 9-12
Alisa Munoz: Publications Photographer 12 (Social Media Editor 12), Project X 11
Zoe Munoz: French Club 10-11, Spanish Club 9-12, Best Buddies 11, Art Club 9-12 (Secretary 11, President 12), Choir 9-12, SADD 10-11
Vijay Narayan: Speech & Debate 9, JETS 9-12, Academic Superbowl 11, Ping Pong Club 9, DECA 9-12 (Senior Representative 12), NHS 11-12, Chess 9, We The People 11
Jazmin Nevarez
Valerie Niemiec: Swimming & Diving 11-12, Cheerleading 9-10 (Captain 9), Speech & Debate 9-10, NHS 11-12, JETS 9-10 (Captain 10), French Club 9-12, ASL Club 10-11, SADD 11, Principal's Advisory Board 9-12

SEEING GREEN

Seniors bring their passion for the environment to Munster by forming a club to go green

Standing at the front of science teacher Ms. Shonna Siegers's classroom, Nikki Mammano, senior, clears her throat. The students seated before her grow quiet, and she shifts nervously from side to side. A supportive look from her co-founder, Jessica Avina, senior, and Nikki feels ready to begin the call-out meeting for the Environmental Club.

The previous summer, the Washington Youth Summit on the Environment (WYSE) invited Nikki to take part in their program.

"I didn't know who nominated me, but when I received the letter, I said to my mom, 'This is what I've always wanted to do,'" Nikki said.

◀ GREEN PREACH Out in the science courtyard, Nikki Mammano, senior, speaks to members of the Environmental Club about issues around the community at their picnic meeting. "It's our duty as humans to protect our environment," Nikki said. "Without it, we wouldn't be able to survive."

WYSE asked each of its members to do something positive for the environment. Nikki decided to start the Environmental Club as her contribution, with which Jessica Avina, senior, readily agreed to help.

"Nikki had the idea for a club, and I asked if I could help," Jessica said. "We both have a passion for helping the environment, and there really wasn't a forum here in Munster."

The School Board approved the Environmental Club in the first week of March. Nikki hopes the club survives and thrives years after she has graduated.

"I hope future members are as passionate about the environment as I am, and make a positive impact on the school and community," Nikki said. "The environment is all around us and whatever we do, all of our actions, even if it's something small, will impact the future."

ECO TIPS

The Environmental Club provided tips to help the environment and stay green in a variety of ways

◀ LEADING THE WAY Side by side, seniors Nikki Mammano and Jessica Avina, co-founders of the Environmental Club, lead the club's call out meeting. "At the first meeting, Nikki was scared to say something at first, so I had to get the ball rolling," Jessica said.

AWARENESS

- Learn more about local and global environmental issues
- Speak up, volunteer and make an environmental difference in the world

TRANSPORTATION

- Begin walking, biking or carpooling to school every morning

FOOD

- Support local farmers and organic food providers
- Lower meat intake from time to time

WATER

- Buy a personal water bottle to reuse
- Fix leaky pipes and faucets that waste water

Source: Nikki Mammano, senior

Taniesha Noble
Emma Nossem: Cheerleading 9-12 (Captain 9-10), Scholar Athlete 9-12, Choir 9-12 (Section Leader 11-12), Women's Vocal Ensemble 12, Project X 10-12, French Club 9-12, CEC 10, NHS 11-12, Orchestra 9-12 (VP 12), MTC 10-12, Speech & Debate 12
Brittany Nowak: German Club 10
Claude Nunez: ASL Club 12 (VP 12), Student Government 12, Speech & Debate 9-12, Best Buddies 12
Megan O'Brien: Spanish Club 9-12, Project X 9-12, French Club 12, Art Club 9-12, SADD 9-12

Martin O'Shaughnessy: Tennis 9-12, Track 10, Spanish Club 10-12 (VP 12), SADD 9-12 (Officer), Ping Pong Club 9-11, NHS 11-12, Poetry Club 12
Belinda Oberman: Speech Team 9-12, MTC 9-12, ASL Club 10-12, Best Buddies 9-12, STAND 10-11
Danica Obradovic: Basketball 9-10, Tennis 9-12, NHS 11-12, DECA 9-12, Science Olympiad 12, Spanish Club 9-12, SADD 11-12, Art Club 9, Project X 11-12, CEC 11 (Secretary), Student Government 12
Manar Odtallah: Track 11, Spanish Club 11-12, SADD 11-12, Art Club 9-11
Denys Opryshko

Demetrio Ornelas: Football 9, Track 10-11, We The People 12
Arturo Ortiz: Soccer 9-12
David Osborne
Jill Osterhus: Golf 9-12, JETS 11-12, NHS 11-12, Softball 9-10, Spanish Club 9-12 (Secretary 12)
Steven Ozug

PATCHED UP

Through various activities, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts earned similar patches to place on their vests and sashes

BOY SCOUT
Communications Badge

- Keep a log of communication activites
- Give five minute speech
- Interview someone
- Find three career opportunities in communication

GIRL SCOUT
Do You Get the Message? Badge

- Learn words in another language
- Develop advertising campaign
- Interview someone
- Develop and administer a survey

BOY SCOUT
Environmental Science Badge

- Conduct experiments
- Do research on endagered species
- Find three career opportunities in environmental science

GIRL SCOUT
Why in the World? Badge

- Use science and weather in every day life
- Complete a science project
- Learn about female contributions to science

Source: scouting.org

Source: girlscoutsofpaloalto.org

▲ WORKING ON HIS EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT. Brian Banach, junior, plans the placement of directional signs he donated on the walls of St. Thomas More. "Being there for CCD, I was told my classroom number, but I still got lost." Brian said. "So why not give them directional signs?" ▶ CHECKING COATS, Ashley Talesky, senior, volunteers at the Munster Lyons Club Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser. "Helping people was all I had ever wanted to do with my life," Ashley said. "Girl Scouts had given me the chance to accomplish this goal."

Jessie Palma: Marching Band 9-12 (Section Leader 12), Pep Band 9-12, Jazz Band 9-12, Symphony Orchestra 9-10 (Section Leader 9-10), NHS 11-12, French Club 9-12 (Treasurer 12), Spanish Club 10-11, Project X 10-12, STAND 11, Art Club 10, DECA 9, SADD 9
Peter Panos: Soccer 9-12 (Captain), NHS 11-12, We The People 11, ASL Club 11-12, Spanish Club 9-11, DECA 10-12, Student Government 10-12
Constantine Papadatos
Morgan Papesh MTC 9-12 (VP 12), Women's Ensemble/S.O.N.G. 9-12, Speech and Debate 10-12, NHS 11-12
Ethan Paskewicz

Neeta Patwari: Speech & Debate 9-11 DECA 9-12 (Historian 12), Project X 9-11, NHS 11-12, Science Olympiad 11-12, Academic Superbowl 9-10, German Club 9-11
Quinton Pedrick
Cameron Pendrick
Charles Penning
Montay Penning

James Perino: Swimming & Diving 9-12
Andrew Phifer: Robotics 9-10, Debate 11-12
Michelle Pietruszka: Science Olympiad 10-12, JETS 10-12, Robotics 11-12, French Club 9-12, Spanish Club 9-12
Steven Pilipow: STAND 11-12, Poetry 12
Joseph Pillarella

SCOUT'S HONOR

Students took part in Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts to benefit themselves and their communities through service

From camping to international event planning, students like seniors Jim Foster and Ashley Talesky made a lifetime of experiences through scouting.

"A lot of what we did in scouts was based on personal growth," Jim said. "Boy Scouts is about the community and helping make the world around you a better place."

Girl scouts focused on putting on events both local and worldwide. Ashley planned and organized the Girls' World Forum, a celebration the 100th year of the Girl Scouts organization attended by girls from all across the world.

"We worked for almost a year and a half," Ashley said. "It was one of the most difficult things I had ever done, and one of the most rewarding."

Ashley's local projects ranged from cookie selling to working with Boy Scouts on Munster's annual Bieker Woods Fright Night. Girl Scouts played a more active role in benefitting the community rather than just selling boxes of cookies to people's doors, according to Ashley.

"It was a bit disappointing how often people associated us with Thin Mints instead of taking the time to find out about what we really did with that money we brought in," Ashley said.

Both Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts worked to empower young people and prepare them for their futures. They focused on education about current issues, building self-confidence and teaching leadership skills.

"Scouting was one of the most influential and beneficial organizations a person could be involved in," Jim said. "It shaped who I am as a person."

John Pitsas: Football 9, Wrestling 9-10, Baseball 9-12
Nicholas Powell: Football 9-12 (Captain, Allstate 12), Wrestling 9-10, Ping Pong Club 11
Elizabeth Prado: Soccer 11, Art Club 10-11, Speech & Debate 11, DECA 11, Spell Bowl 11-12, Civics Club 11-12, Track 12, Project X 12
Payton Preboy: Softball 9-11, Scholar Athlete 9-11, Spanish Club 9-10, Best Buddies 10-11, Art Club 9
Michelle Prevatte: Art Club 9,12, ASL Club 12

Sydney Puckett: Basketball 9, Golf 10-12, French Club 9-12, Tennis 9-12
Paige Puplava: Softball 9, Spanish Club 11, Art Club 12
Steven Rakich: Basketball 9, Student Government 9, CEC 10-11, Spanish Club 9-10, NHS 11, Tennis 11-12 (Co-Captain 12)
Christian Rangel
Kaley Regan: Cheerleading 9-11, ASL 11-12, SADD 11

Tyler Reinsma
Matthew Reno
Christopher Rhodes: Swimming & Diving 10-12, German Club 9-10, Art Club 9, Track 9-10
Erik Rhodes: Track 9-12, Band 9-12
Gina Rice

Samuel Rice
Colin Richter: Tennis 9-12 (Captain 12), Science Olympiad 10-12 (Captain 12), DECA 9-12, JETS 9-12 (Captain 10-12), Orchestra 9-11, Academic Super Bowl 9, 11-12 (Captain 11-12), Spanish Club 9-12, NHS 11-12
Julie Ridder
Eamon Riley: Ice Hockey 10-12
Deven Rodgers

ALL YOU CAN EAT

After field dressing an animal, the boys used different methods to cook it

DEER
Put meat in a crock pot with cream of mushroom soup and bacon for 12 hours

DUCK
Wrap the meat in bacon, place it on a stick and grill it

GOOSE
Pan fry the meat with vegetables

LEFTOVERS
Fry the leftover chunks

Sources: Seniors Paul DeRolf and Nick Powell

▲INSIDE HIS BASEMENT, Paul DeRolf, senior, looks in his freezer at game caught from a previous hunting trip. "I had goose and wood duck breast meat in there," Paul said. "I shot both when we (seniors Nick Powell, Brendan Ward and Sam Helmer and Jake Helmer, junior) went duck hunting." ▶ AFTER ANY HUNT, Paul DeRolf, senior, made sure to clean his Remington 1100 Shotgun. "I was cleaning the outside of the magazine," Paul said. "My dad gave me that gun and he got it when he was 14. We were still trying to figure out how old it is, because he got it from my Great Uncle."

Andrea Rodriguez: Track 9-12
Jessica Rooth
Alec Roquena: Football 9-12, Wrestling 9, DECA 12, German Club 9-11
Lauren Rouse: DECA 9-11, Crier 9-10
Joseph Ruffalo: Ice Hockey

Renee Rumas
Epifanio Sadural: Spanish Club 11
Gina Saez: Softball 9, Swimming and Diving 11
Chloe Salisbury: Track 10, 12, ASL Club 11-12, Art Club 11
Selena Samardzich

Calvin Sanders
Levi Sasek: Marching Band 9-11, Concert Band 9-11, Jazz Band 9-11, Men's Vocal Ensemble 9-11, Poetry Club 12
Danijela Savic
Jennifer Scherzinger: Volleyball 9, Softball 9, Spanish Club 10, ASL Club 11-12
Cassidy Schwartz: DECA 9-12 (Secretary, Historian 11-12), Best Buddies 10-12 (VP 12), We The People 11, Speech & Debate 9-11, Spanish Club 9-10, Cross Country 10-11, Track 9-11, Spell Bowl 12, NHS 11-12

Rebecca Seligman: CEC 9, German Club 9-11, Golf 9-11, JETS 12, NHS 11-12
Tanner Seput: German Club 9
Akash Shah
Priya Shah: Best Buddies: 9-12 (President 12, Secretary 11), CEC 9-12 (VP 11, Class President 12), Spanish Club 9-12, NHS 11-12, ASL Club 10, DECA 11-12, Speech & Debate 9-10, Tennis 9,12, SADD 9-12
Joshua Shalen: Speech & Debate 9-12 (Secretary, Treasurer 11), DECA 9-12, Soccer 9-12, NHS 11-12

SHARP SHOOTERS

Trading the living room for the outdoors, a group of senior boys spent their free time hunting together

Hiding in the trees, seniors David Hladek and Nick Powell wait patiently to use their bow and arrows to shoot the first deer of the day. After waiting in the trees for several hours, only one of them successfully catches a deer.

"I always bragged that I had the best shot when we went shooting," Nick said. "This year was the first year I went deer hunting with a bow, but David got a really impressive big deer."

Besides deer, the boys hunted a variety of game with other friends.

"When I hunted it was mainly with Nick and Brendan (Ward, senior)," Paul DeRolf, senior, said. "We went duck hunting together, and it was Jake's (Helmer, junior) first time hunting and he shot a banded goose. We each got one goose and Brendan, Nick and I got one duck."

Even if a trip turned out unsuccessful, Nick enjoyed hunting with his friends.

"I thought the most fun thing about hunting was being with your friends and messing around the whole time," Nick said. "We've got little spots down by the Kankakee Valley River and by Eastern Indiana. I loved duck hunting."

Ishani Sharma: Golf 9, 12 (Scholar Athlete), DECA 9-12 (VP 12), We The People 12, Science Olympiad 11, JETS 9-10, 12, Orchestra 9-11, Swimming & Diving 9,11, NHS 12
Madeline Sharmat: Spanish Club 9-10, JETS 11-12, NHS 11-12, Speech & Debate 9-12, Orchestra 9-12
Sarah Sharpe: Dance 9-12, Spanish Club 9-10, NHS 11-12, DECA 10-12, Project X 9-11
Nicholas Siano: Speech & Debate 9-12 (VP 11, President 12), We The People 11
Fareesa Siddiqui: DECA 9-11, Speech & Debate 9-11, French Club 9-11, German Club 9-11, Spanish Club 9-11
Amanda Simchak: Art Club 9-11, ASL Club 10-11, Project X 9
Sahib Singh: Football 9-12, Wrestling 9-11, German Club 9-11
Sidarth Singh: French Club 9-12, Speech & Debate 9-12 (Historian 9), DECA 9-12
Alec Skalka: Football 9, Baseball 9-12
Zachary Slosser

Lauren Soeka: Softball 9, Spanish Club 9-10, German Club 11, DECA 9, 11-12, NHS 11-12, STAND 11
Janel Solis: Art Club 9, Career Center Student Advisory 12, Skills USA for Cosmetology 11
Carly Sorensen
Nicholas Soy: Poetry Club 10-11, Ice Hockey 12
Matthew Specht: Swimming & Diving 9-12 (Captain 11-12), Golf 9-12, NHS 11-12

THE NEXT STEP

Seniors signed with various colleges across the country

UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURG
Mary Beth Blocher

QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY
Elizabeth Kloos

KENTUCKY WESLEYAN COLLEGE
Morgan Switalla

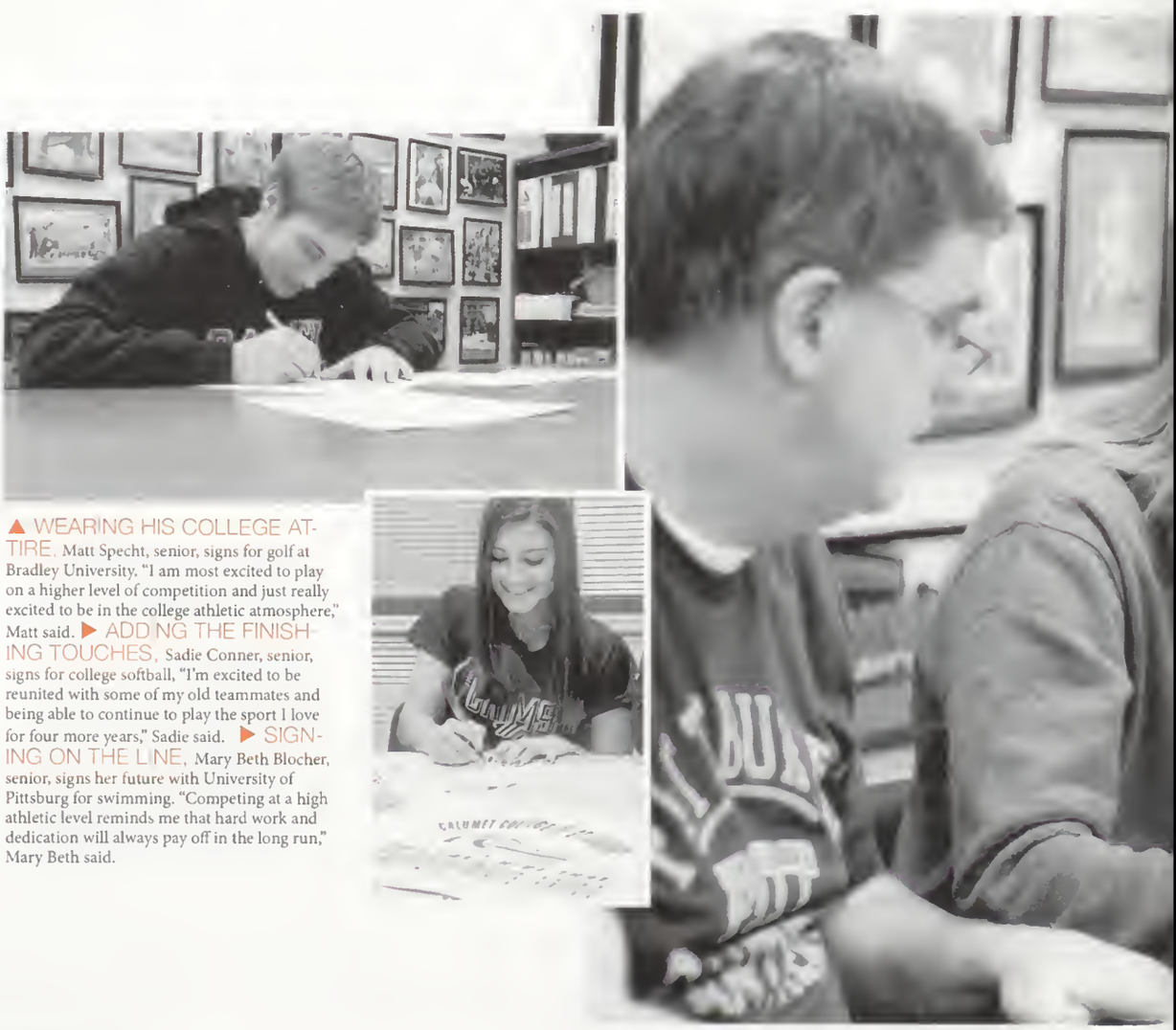
BOSTON COLLEGE
Taylor Michaski

UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI
Alex Del Rio

BRADLEY UNIVERSITY
Matt Spetch

CALUMET COLLEGE
Sadie Conner

DEPAUW UNIVERSITY
Johnathon Azar



▲ WEARING HIS COLLEGE ATTIRE, Matt Specht, senior, signs for golf at Bradley University. "I am most excited to play on a higher level of competition and just really excited to be in the college athletic atmosphere," Matt said. ▶ ADDING THE FINISHING TOUCHES, Sadie Conner, senior, signs for college softball, "I'm excited to be reunited with some of my old teammates and being able to continue to play the sport I love for four more years," Sadie said. ▶ SIGNING ON THE LINE, Mary Beth Blocher, senior, signs her future with University of Pittsburg for swimming. "Competing at a high athletic level reminds me that hard work and dedication will always pay off in the long run," Mary Beth said.

Ashley Sprinkles: Athletic Trainer 10, 11
Elena Sroge: Swimming & Diving 9-12, French Club 9-12, NHS 11-12, Best Buddies 10, Spanish Club 10, German Club 10
Allison Stahl
Carly Steinberg
Wendy Stocky: Ping Pong Club 9, ASL Club 11-12

Megan Stone: Art Club 9-12 (Treasurer 10, VP 11), Speech & Debate 9-10, ASL Club 11-12, Poetry Club 12
Anna Stooksbury: Cross Country 11-12, Best Buddies 10-12, DECA 11-12, Track 9-12, NHS 11-12, Volleyball 9-10, Spanish 10-12
Daniel Straka: Football 9-10, Band 11, Speech & Debate 9-12, DECA 10-12 (Co-President 12), Choir 9-12, CEC 9-12, Swimming & Diving 9-12, Men's Vocal Ensemble 10-12, MTC 9-12
Mary Strong
Zaria Suggs: Best Buddies 11, Speech & Debate (State Champion 10-12), Art Club 9-12, Project X 10-11, French Club 9-12, SADD 10-11, Choir 11, NHS 11-12, Poetry Club 12
Eric Svoboda: Wrestling 9-11, Football 9,12, Baseball 9, Track 10
Caitlin Swetlik
Natalia Swiatko: Spanish Club 9-11, Swimming & Diving 9-10
Eric Swingler: Football 9-12, German Club 9-12, Speech & Diving 11, Track 12
Morgan Switalla: Volleyball 9-12, Spanish Club 9-12, Project X 9, Scholar Athlete 12

SIGNED, SEALED, DELIVERED

After four years or work and dedication, students' hard work paid off with a college athletic career

College is the leading cause of anxiety and stress for high schools. How nice would it be to have it all taken care with the sport you play?

Mary Beth Blocher, senior, signed with her first choice college for her event in swimming with the University of Pittsburgh.

"I was extremely nervous," Mary Beth said.

Going into the signing, Mary Beth was surrounded by her family, friends and coach.

"Since I signed with Pitt, I feel like I have matured and settled down," Mary Beth said. "The months prior to my signing day were extremely stressful and tense. Now I can help my friends through the college process."

Mary Beth signed on board for her signature events 50 yard freestyle, 100 yard freestyle and 200 yard freestyle.

"I am most excited for making new friends and meeting new people," Mary Beth said. "But I am so nervous about the intense schedule I am going to have with school and training."

Starting practice in September after graduation, Mary Beth will officially be part of the Pitt swim team.

Alex Del Rio, senior, signed with University of Missouri for baseball as an outfield player and catcher in the upcoming season, starting practice in July this summer.

"I have met my teammates," Alex said. "It's a great group of guys. We all come from all over. I think our class is great we will really contribute to Mizzou's program."

Matthew Szala: Cross Country 9-12, Track 9, Spanish Club 10-11, NHS 11-12, JETS 11-12
Kimberly Szymkowski: Track 9-12, Basketball 9, Speech & Debate 9-11, Art Club 10-12 (VP 12), Spanish Club 12, NHS 12, Orchestra 9-11
Ashley Talesky: French Club 9-12, JETS 11-12, Science Olympiad 12, Spell Bowl 12, National Merit Finalist
Anthony Tate
Annilee Taylor: Athletic Trainer 9, Swimming & Diving 9-10, Spanish Club 10, Project X 10-12, ASL Club 11-12

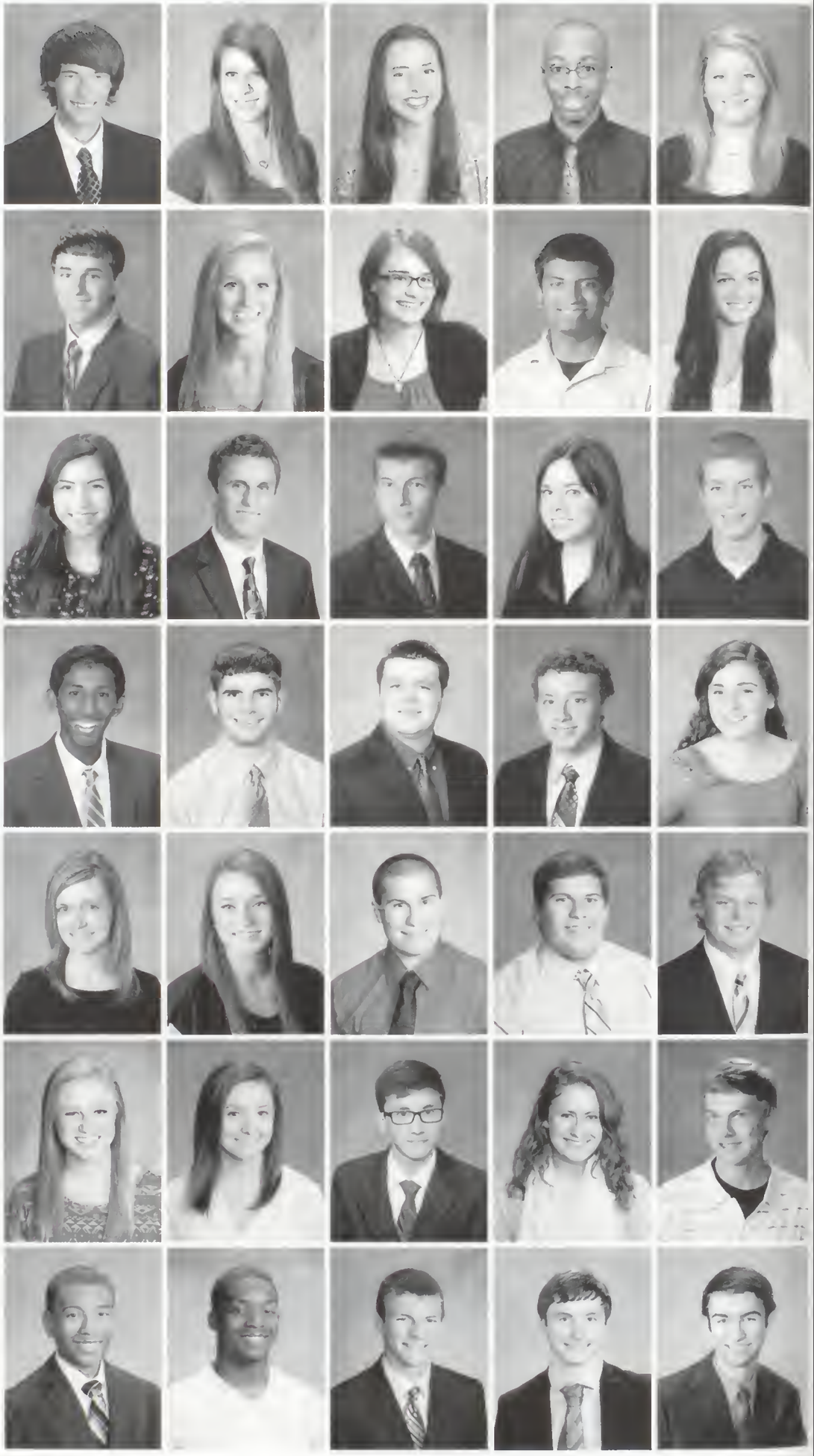
Brandon Tepper: Baseball 9-12, French Club 9-12, DECA 12, Poetry Club 12, SADD 12
Melissa Tepperman
Ryann Thompson: German Club 12
Roshan Tilva
Kristina Todorovic

Mia Torres: Paragon 10-12 (Editor-in-Chief 12, Copy Editor 11), Quill and Scroll 12, Swimming & Diving 9-11, Art Club 9, Spanish Club 9,10, French Club 9-12, Project X 9-11, NHS 11-12, Scholar Athlete 9-11
Samuel Toth: Basketball 9-12, French Club 9-11, Choir 10, Athletic Trainer 11-12
Milos Trivunovic: Track 10-12, MTC 9-12, Concert Band 9-12, Marching Band 9-12 (Drum Major 12), NHS 11-12
Dayna Van Woert: Project X 9-12, Art Club 9-11, Best Buddies 10, Spanish Club 9-11,
Zachary Vanoeveren-Rinehart

Rathnam Venkat: Speech & Debate 9-12 (Secretary 12, National Qualifier 10-12), DECA 9-12 (VP 12, State Champion 10-12), Orchestra 9-11 (Treasurer 11), Tennis 9-12, We The People 11, Principal's Award of Excellence 10, National Merit Finalist
Benjamin Wanicki: Spanish Club 9, Baseball 9, Basketball 9-11, Football 12
Brendan Ward: Ping Pong Club 9
Sebastian Weakland: Speech & Debate 9, Spanish Club 11-12, Project X 12
Sarah Webster: Soccer 9-12, DECA 10-12, NHS 11-12 (Treasurer 12), CEC 11-12 (VP 12), Academic Superbowl 11-12, We The People 11
Courtney Weinberg
Jamie Whiting: Cheerleading 9-12 (Captain 10), ASL Club 11-12
Jeffrey Wieser: Track 9-12, German Club 9-12, Robotics 9
Timothy Wieser: Wrestling 9-12
Kyle Wilkinson

Allison Wisniewski: Cheerleading 10-12, Best Buddies 11-12, NHS 11-12, Project X 10-12, Spanish Club 9, Tennis 9, Swimming & Diving 9, Soccer 9
Emma Witt: Swimming & Diving 9, Track 9-11
David Wittkamp: Track 9, Environmental Club 12
Alyssa Wojcik: Soccer 9-12 (Scholar Athlete 9-12), Basketball 9-11 (Scholar Athlete 9-11), NHS 11-12, Spanish Club 9,11-12,
Tyler Wood

Jacob Woods
Stephen Woods-Malloy
Luke Wuchenich
Brandon Yager
Kevin Yurasovich: MTC 9-12, NHS 11-12



PLAYING for CHANGE

Senior boys teamed up to compete against teachers and coaches for the Hoops for Hope basketball game

Purple and white shirts shuffle up and down the court. As the clock counts down, the student team racks up points against their former teachers and coaches. When the final buzzer sounds, the students come out on top with a 55-43 victory at the annual Hoops for Hope basketball game.

"Playing against the teachers was probably the best part," Ben Wanicki, senior, said. "I had almost everyone on the faculty team as a teacher or coach, and even though the teachers lost by a lot, everyone appeared to be having fun."

In comparison to previous years, the game drew a larger crowd, according to Alex Del Rio, senior.

"I felt like the attendance doubled," Alex said. "A lot of people always came out to the event, so I thought it was a good way to do something for a good cause. It felt like we made an impact."

As well as a night of friendly rivalry, Hoops for Hope served as a night of awareness and support. With the money collected from admissions at the door, donation buckets during the game and t-shirts sold throughout the week, the school raised $2,532.81 for Cystic Fibrosis research.

"It was great knowing that we raised that much doing something as simple as playing a basketball game," Sam Bell, senior, said.

▲ ARMS OUTSTRETCHED, Jung Kim, senior, plays defense against Mr. Michael Mikolajczyk, Wilbur Wright Middle School teacher. Later on in the game, Jung injured himself, breaking his ankle after landing on it awkwardly. "When I got hurt, it was the worst experience," Jung said. "In the ER I just kept thinking about finishing the game. I wanted to finish it so bad." ◀ WITH HIS EYE ON THE NET, Alex Del Rio, senior, tries to avoid Wilbur Wright Middle School teacher Mr. Kevin Skurka's block. "I saw Skurka coming and he's way taller than me," Alex said. "I knew he was going to try to block me and that I'd probably have no chance, but I tried to slip it (the ball) past him." ◀ BUCKET IN HAND CJ Nunez, senior, collects donations during halftime. "Cystic Fibrosis hit home for us because it took one of our own," CJ said. "Raising money for Cystic Fibrosis became a big part of Munster because we didn't want the same thing to happen to another school or family or best friend."

Taylor Bandura: Best Buddies 9-12

MORE THAN WHO'S PICTURED

Alexandria Abasi: Basketball 12
George Asya-Broughton: Robotics 9-12 (President 12)
Nicholas Blackstone: Poetry Club 12
Robyn Flanagan-Seels: Speech 9, Best Buddies 9, French Club 11, Athletic Training 10-12
Mario Hernandez: Cross Country 9-11, Track 9-11, Track Manager 12
John Kapitan: Band 9-12, Speech & Debate 9-10, Jazz Band 10,12, Pep Band 12
Destiny Sabo: Poetry Club 11-12 (President 12)
Tyler Van Wieren: German Club 9-10, NHS 11-12, MTC 9-12 (Production Manager 11-12)
Hanhuang Yao: Speech & Debate 10, Deca 10, 12
Joseph Yurek: Science Olympiad 9-12, Spanish Club 9-12 (VP 12), Project X 9-12, DECA 9-12, JETS 9-12, NHS 11-12, Civics Club 10-11, Ping Pong Club 9-11, Robotics 9-10, Academic Super Bowl 11, Lexus Eco Challenge 11
Leon Zajac: Track 9
Omnya Zaman: Robotics 9-12, Science Olympiad 11-12, Speech & Debate 9-10, MTC 9-10, DECA 9-11, JETS 12
Elaine Zmuda: Orchestra 9-12 (President 12), Track 9-12, Cross Country 10-12, NHS 11-12, Speech & Debate 10-11, Spanish Club 10-12, French Club 12, Art Club 9
Courtney Zunica: Ping Pong Club 9,11, Soccer 9-12 (Scholar Athlete 11), Choir 11-12, Best Buddies 12, NHS 12

Amer Abasi
Drew Adams
Aidan Albrecht
Karim Ali
Jessica Almasy
Rama Alsakaji
Jordan Anderson

Martin Arellano
Joshua Armstrong
Catherine Arndt
Madison Athey
Anna Bachert
Mary Bridget Baeza
Alexander Baker

Maxwell Baker
Cayla Bales
Brian Banach
Brittany Barajas
Blaire Barnett
Kassandra Barraza
Kaitlin Battista

Alexandra Bauer
James Beckman
Andres Bedolla
Zahra Bhoy
Natalia Bilek
George Bissias
Miguel Blakeley

Nicholas Bleza
Katelyn Bobalik
Jacob Bobeck
Casey Boelt
Sam Bratton
Amanda Brazzle
Isiah Brooks

Jacob Brown
Michael Buchalo
Stephanie Bulow
Patrick Burke
Brooke Butler
Paulo Campos
Arthur Carey

Xavier Carrizales
Saptarshi Chakraborty
Rohan Chatterjee
Chetan Chauhan
Timothy Chavez
Andy Chen
Matthew Childs

Balashwethan Chockalingam
Aurianna Chopin
Emily Chorazyczewski
Abigail Clark
Nia Clark
Jordan Cockrum
Jordan Cole

Jacob Collins
Jacob Comanse
Alyssa Comer
Danielle Conger
Cristian Cornejo
Luis Corral
Christina Cortez

Ethan Courtney
Briana Crowe
Courtnee Cruz
Caroline Cuellar
Allison Cunningham
Cassidy Cusick
Antonia DalleCarbonare

Tom De Cero
Dylan De Young
Charles DeCesaris
Jamie Deja
Elena Dekker
James Delis
Elizabeth Della Rocco

Gianna Demase
Laurel Demkovich
Hannah Dempsey
Vijai Kumar Dharla
Damarys Diaz
Elias Diaz
Brianna Dittmer

Siddharth Divakaruni
Jordan Dixon
Stevan Djuric
Maureen Doherty
Andrew Dorn
Elise Dorn
Douglas Dowd

REINA BONITA*

Jacqueline Herrera, junior, used participating in a beauty pageant as a chance to better herself and her community

Standing on stage, Jacqueline Herrera, junior, feels a moment of relief as the emcee calls her competitors one by one as runners up in the Miss Teen Indiana Latina Pageant. She put in hours of practice with the goal of being called last, and they paid off.

"When I hadn't heard my name called all the way up at the point of first runner up, that was the best moment." Jacqueline said.

Jacqueline was initially intimidated by her older looking competitors, and worked past mental blocks to appear confident and poised.

"Coming home from dress rehearsal, I was so nervous that I was throwing up from the stress," Jacqueline said. "The next day when I got on stage my confidence was higher. You got to show who you were."

Jacqueline believed her public speaking and unique style helped win the title, which she used as a platform to set a good example for other Latina girls.

"I thought it was a great honor," Jacqueline said. "I wanted to be the best person I could be with this title by promoting volunteering."

◀ ALL DRESSED UP Standing in her basement, Jacqueline Herrera, junior, admires a dress she wore for public appearances as Miss Teen Indiana Latina. "Wearing it (my dress) felt good, but I would go back to school and everyone would act the same," Jacqueline said. "That was good though, nobody needed to treat me differently because of it (my title)."

WHAT IT TAKES TO BE QUEEN

Jacqueline Herrera, junior, attended various events to prepare for her pageant victory

- Group work outs
- Radio interview
- Photo shoots
- Various rehearsals
- Charity events as titleholder
- Workshops on dancing and walking

▶ Jacqueline recieved her crown July 12, 2013 and passed off her title to the next winner August 21, 2014

*Reina Bonita, i.e. la reina bonita, translates as "the beautiful queen"

Joseph Drzich
Bryan Dublak
James Eaton
Seth Edens
Kyle Edgcomb
Chelsea Eickleberry
Austin Eiland

Grace Escalante
Sierra Falcon
Scott Farley
Bushra Fatima
Tessa Faubion
Sarah Fehring
Julia Fields

Michelle Fies
John Filic
Jessica Flores
Erin Flynn
Victoria Foster
Gianna Fotopoulos
Ian Frankland

Nicolas Fromm
Kevin Fuhs
Lawrence Gaines
Erin Gallagher
Jesse Gandarilla
Isabel Garcia
Joseph Gardner

Maggie Gerber
Domeneque Geron
Andrew Getting
Prabhneet Girn
Molly Gish
Ryan Glasen
Kaitlynn Gloff

HIGH HORSE

When away from school, Tess Talabay, junior, spent a majority of her free time at her barn

After the Hammond Area Career Center bus stops in the North end of the parking lot, Tess Talabay, junior, hops off and into her car. She then drives another 45 minutes until she arrives at her barn near Crown Point. Switching her school gear for her horseback riding outfit, Tess prepares to spend the rest of her day with her four legged friends.

"I started horseback riding when I was six-years-old," Tess said. "When I was younger I had already done a lot of sports like volleyball and gymnastics. My mom used to horseback ride when she was younger and that was what made me have an interest in it."

While at her barn, Tess prepared her horses for competitions that took place from Lake County, Ind. to Tulsa, Okla.

"Training for horse shows and competitions basically meant you needed to be conditioning and out at the barn working and riding your horse to make sure they were ready, along with yourself," Tess said. "Every horse is different just like people, so different methods worked for different horses."

Tess became familiar with her horses by spending at least six days per week in her barn.

"I spent the majority of my life inside a barn, and I think that's how it will always be," Tess said.

▶ BEST IN SHOW Inside her barn, Tess Talabay, junior, works with her American Saddlebred, Summer Night. "American Saddlebreds were my favorite breed of horse," Tess said. "I loved the way a Saddlebred moved and felt."

Kathleen Gonzales
Anthony Gonzalez
Jeremy Gonzalez
Joshua Gonzalez
Andrew Grabelle
Daniel Green
Malachi Green

Richard Greep
Jordan Grinstead
Sofia Grubisich
Miranda Guerrero
Seth Gutwein
Drew Hackett
Emily Hammermeister

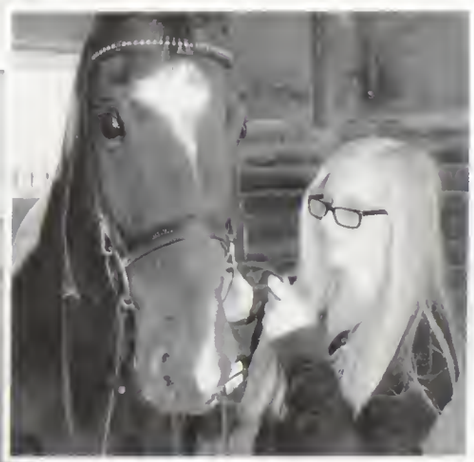
Dana Handler
Bradley Hargrove
Brittany Hargrove
Dynasty Harmon
Quinn Harris
Erin Harvath
Lily Hasler

Sean Hasse
William Hatczel
Michael Hayes
Melios Heath
Walker Hedgepath
Carl Hehemann
Nicole Heiniger

Jacob Helmer
Allison Hemingway
Rainy Herakovich
Ariana Hernandez
Jessica Hernandez
Megan Hernandez
Jacqueline Herrera

GROWING UP TOGETHER

During the middle of winter break, Tess Talabay, junior, dealt with the death of one of her horses, an American Saddlebred, named Clair, who died of old age



◀ PRACTICING IN HER BARN Tess Talabay, junior, rides with her former horse Clair. "Her birthdate was Feb. 4, 1996 and death date was Dec. 31. 2013," Tess said. "Even though I've dealt with a couple horses passing in my lifetime, it never seemed to get any easier." ▲ ADJUSTING THE REIN. Tess prepares to ride Clair. "My thoughts on Clair were indescribable," Tess said. "She was a huge part of my life, and it was horrible to see her go. She taught me so many things as a horseback rider."

A STROKE OF GENIUS

Ryan Myers, junior, used painting and drawing to express his thoughts and relieve stress

Light pours in through the kitchen window, scattering across the table filled with paint brushes, pens, pencils and an empty canvas, a canvas on which Ryan Myers, junior, begins his project. Ryan started out with a blank canvas, unsure of what was to come next, but by the end, he had created a masterpiece.

"It was just a way to relieve stress, and I kind of just did it to have fun," Ryan said. "You did not really think about anything else, you just let your creativity go and nothing else really bothered you."

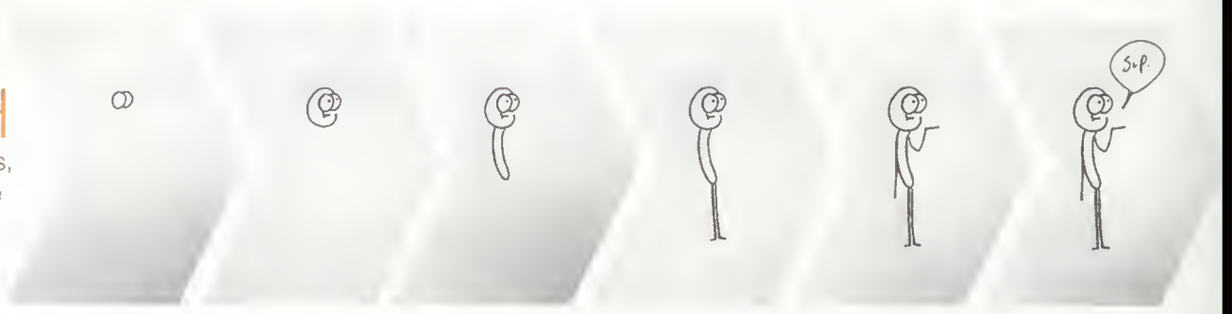
Ryan has been involved with art for almost his entire life. Over the years he broadened the type of art supplies he used, from paint to pencils to spray paint. This helped with not only his understanding of art, but also of himself. The drawings, paintings and little doodles that Ryan did became an outlet for his thoughts and views on today's society.

"It had taken a lot of stress off," Ryan said. "I learned to pay attention to details and take a closer look at the world, which sort of made me more of an open person. It was never about what you drew but more about the concept behind it all."

▲ FREE STYLIN' Without any exact picture in mind, Ryan Myers, junior, concentrates as he strokes the canvas with his paint brush to create the texture he wants for the piece. "When I painted, the idea just kind of popped up and just started doing it," Ryan said. "It was like an instinct."

SIX STEP SKETCH

Throughout the day, Ryan Myers, junior, drew his signature doodle on any piece of paper he could get his hands on



Jared Hill
Danielle Hladek
Xavier Hofferth-Pettis
Talia Hughes
John Hulsey
Oluwagbemisola Ibikunle
Pharez Israel

Michael Jackson
Rachel Jamrose
Elizabeth Jernigan
Michael Jimenez
Joseph Johnston
Carolyn Jones
Rachel Jones

Abigail Jurado
George Jurincie
Nikolas Kajmakoski
Revati Kalluri
Rohini Kalluri
Niki Kamalipour
Sydney Kawalec

Carly Kennedy
Zachary Keslin
Brett Kessler
Momnah Khan
Shaniyah Kimbrough
Jarrett Kivo
Barbara Klavin

Natalie Klys
Gage Knor
Sai Sripad Kodukula
Nicholas Kotz
Taylor Kotzo
Lauren Koultourides
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Ziyad Kraft
Ryan Kritzer
Melanie Krueger
Christian Kruse
Adam Kulam
Amanda Kvasnica
Hayley Kwasniewski

Olivia Laoang
Maxwell Lawson
Jessica Layous
Krysten Leahy
Amber LeDonne
Brittany Lee
Kyle Lee

Seung Lee
Jonathan Lemke
Allison Levin
Marcus Levitan
Zachary Long
Emmanuel Lopez
Patrick Losiniecki

Dominic Lucito
Kassandra Luehrs
Colleen Lusk
Kelsey Lynch
Gustavo Magana
Shannon Mahoney
Shawn Mahoney

Mary Maloney
Nikola Mandic
Benjamin Marcus
Christina Margaris
Alexis Mason
Nathan Matthews
Audrey Mayer

Brendan McCarthy
William McDunn
Emily McNamara
Garrett McShea
Robert Medwetz
Alexander Megremis
Taylor Merkel

Miranda Mihalic
Dunja Milic
Lucas Milkovich
Bret Miller
Alexandria Milne
Nicole Mirowski
Ashraf Mohamed

Mark Montalbano Phelps
Amanda Mooney
Zahra Moreno
Joshua Morris
Lexis Mosqueda
Wish Muangmingsuk
Kelly Mundy

James Murphy
Tegan Murphy
Angela Myers
Ryan Myers
Lara Natonski
Randy Nava
Vanessa Newell

David Nix
Erica Norwood
Madison O'Dea
Catherine Oesterle
Jacob Opat
Rosalio Ornelas
Adam Ostoich

Aron Panas
Richard Parra
Himali Patel
Vrusha Patel
Deepali Patil
Jacob Paulsen
Joshua Peters

Zachary Pickett
Elena Piech
Dillon Pierie
Marija Popovich
Laurissa Portillo
Michael Portone
Christian Poulos

LAND VS. WATER

Although both involved a type of racing, numerous differences existed between BMX and rowing

ROWING

TERRAIN: Water

VEHICLE: Boat

UNIFORM: Spandex and T-shirt

STRENGTH: Arms

FACILITY: Outdoor river

COMMON INJURIES: Back pain, knee pain and rib stress fractures

BMX

TERRAIN: Dirt

VEHICLE: Bike

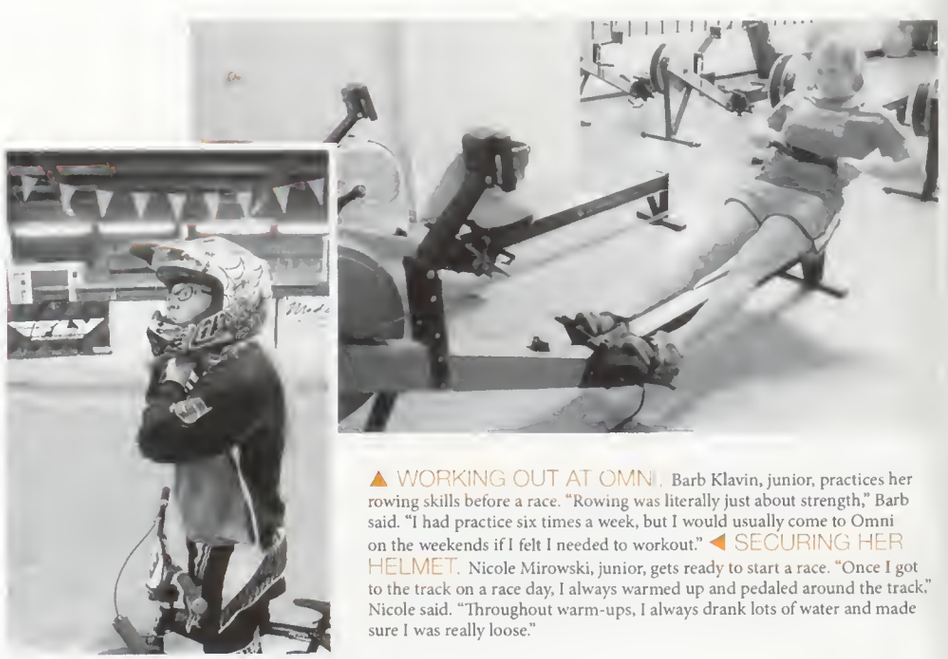
UNIFORM: Jersey, race pants, clip shoes, helmet and gloves

STRENGTH: Legs

FACILITY: Indoor dirt track

COMMON INJURIES: Broken wrists and collar bones, road rash and bruises

Source: Juniors Barb Klavin and Nicole Mirowski



▲ WORKING OUT AT OMNI. Barb Klavin, junior, practices her rowing skills before a race. "Rowing was literally just about strength," Barb said. "I had practice six times a week, but I would usually come to Omni on the weekends if I felt I needed to workout." ◀ SECURING HER HELMET. Nicole Mirowski, junior, gets ready to start a race. "Once I got to the track on a race day, I always warmed up and pedaled around the track," Nicole said. "Throughout warm-ups, I always drank lots of water and made sure I was really loose."

Malgorzata Pozdzal
Emma Prucha
Sean Pruzin
Peyton Puckett
Roxie Pugh
Madeline Purcell
Emily Rada

Grant Rademacher
Jason Ramirez
Emily Ramos-Niaves
Shabnam Rashidi
Nicholas Redman
Justin Reinsma
Emily Rhoda

Julianne Rice
Collin Riddle
Fiona Riley
Justin Rios
Priscilla Rivera
Salvador Rivera
Michael Rivich

George Rizzo
William Roser
Samuel Rosser
Ricardo Ruiz
Matthew Ryan
Rasha Sabbah
Jhoanna Sadural

Avi Sahi
Nathan Sakevicius
Alexius Samuels
Katelyn Sanders
Jane Sannito
Noah Schlossberger
Kevin Schlotman

A TIGHT RACE

While most students participated in sports through school, some took athletics to a whole new level

Waking up on a race day, juniors Nicole Mirowski and Barb Klavin get ready to head to their respective courses. Once they arrive, they begin warming up. As the race gets ready to begin, nerves and adrenaline kick in.

For both rower Barb and BMX racer Nicole, racing became a rigorous activity that involved putting in many hours of work.

"I really liked the adrenaline of racing," Nicole said. "I liked the feeling when I was racing and having fun."

This principle held true for Barb as well. Barb started rowing in eighth grade and eventually went on to join the Chicago Rowing Foundation's varsity high school team.

"I played soccer," Barb said. "But I thought 'Why not try rowing?' so I tried it, and I really enjoyed it."

Between races and practices, these sports took up a lot of extra time throughout the week for both girls.

"I was at the track three to four times a week for practices," Nicole said. "There was a race at the track every Thursday and every Saturday."

For Barb, practices took place six times a week with five to six races each season. All of these practices and races paid off in the end.

"In rowing, if you worked hard, you could get better easily," Barb said. "For every ounce of work I put in, something came out of it."

◀ TURNING THE CORNER, Nicole Mirowski, junior, races at a practice. "Before a race, I was always really nervous," Nicole said. "It was nerve-racking since only eight girls could advance to the final round."

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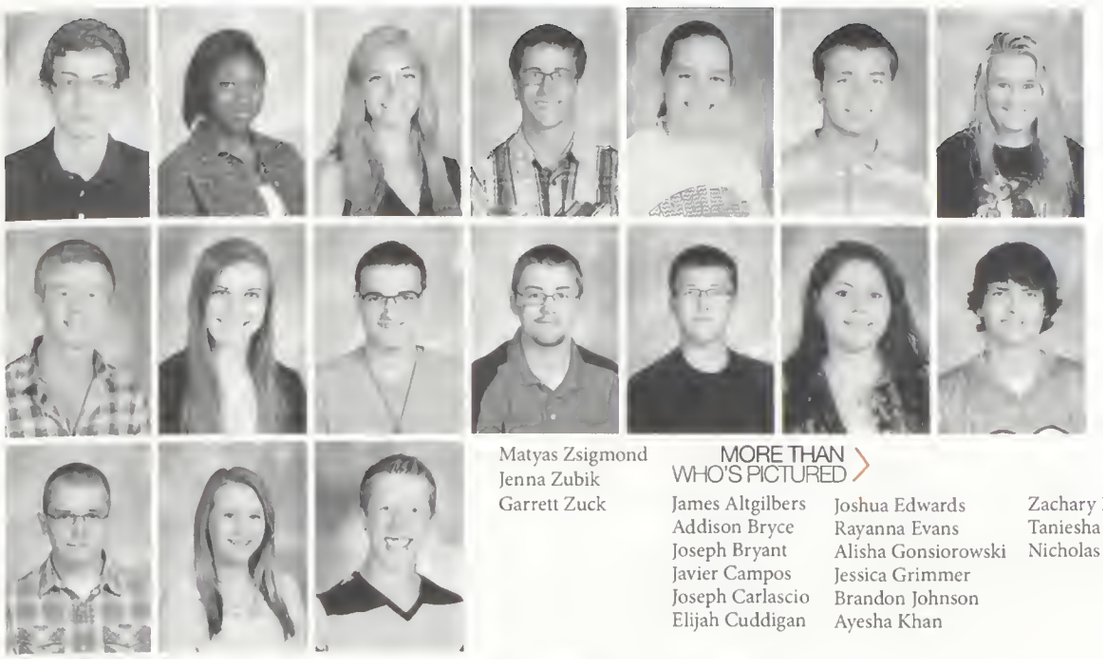

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Taniesha Noble
Nicholas Sepulveda

▲ AGAINST THE ODDS. Jacob Helmer, junior, runs around his friend from Andrean High School Cam Bosak, senior, with the ball. "I loved playing against my friends," Jacob said. "I would definitely describe our team as friendly." ◀ GOING FOR A THREE. Grant Rademacher, junior, shoots over Arthur Carey, junior. "I joined Biddy Ball to play fun basketball with all my friends and fellow students," Grant said.

WRECKING BALLERS

Many juniors participated in a Munster sponsored basketball league, Biddy Ball, on Sundays

"Red scare, red scare," Jacob Helmer, junior, screams from the sidelines and immediately the boys tear up the court.

"We used the code word 'red scare' when we were losing by a lot," Jacob said. "It basically means mess around, a lot."

The Raptors, or as they referred to themselves as "Team Purp," consisted of a mixture of juniors and seniors, but served as a source of easy level basketball.

"Biddy Ball was a fun league where anybody could play no matter their skill level," Jacob said.

For some, it was a release from their more intense basketball leagues, but at the same time, it still held that competitive feeling, as any sports team would.

As opposed to high-level intensity competition of regular season basketball games, the teams took on smaller challenges and went against players from different schools around the area.

"There weren't many rivalries," Jacob said. "but we had some good games against the black team."

For everyone, however, it served as great social scene.

"My favorite part is the in-game trash talk between friends," Grant Rademacher, junior, said.

The laid back atmosphere was one of the major reasons for such attraction.

"I shot at least 20 free throws backwards and under-handed," Jacob said.

METHOD TO THE MADNESS

In Feburary, Munster Biddy Ball ended their season in a post-season tournament

Jillian Ackermann
Arianna Adams
Lauren Adams
Diego Alanis
Ricardo Alvarado
Alyssa Amaloo
Austin Andello

Abby Andersen
Margret Anderson
Victor Andrade
Brian Araya
John Archer
Logan Armagast
Clay Arnold

William Ault
Hannah Bailey
Alexis Baker
Aleksandar Balac
Miles Barilla
Alexia Barraza
Ronald Barrera

MAKING A SCENE

Over the summer Lucas Newell, sophomore, attended the premiere of the feature-length movie he helped film and saw his work come to life

Sitting in the middle of the dark Regal Theatre in Chicago, Ill., Lucas Newell, sophomore, watches as the story of a boy and his friends embarking on an epic adventure unfolds on screen. The film finishes, and credits begin to roll. Amongst the list of people who worked on the film, Lucas spots his name.

"It was so cool seeing my name flash up on the screen after it was over," Lucas said. "It brought back a lot of memories from filming."

During the summer of 2012, Lucas attended a Fresh Films filmmaking camp in Philadelphia, Pa., where he and other teens worked together to film a feature-length film, "The Stream."

"The Stream" told the story of a group of Star Wars-obsessed kids in the summer of 1981 who were sent on an adventure involving a terrible storm and mystical creatures. The film premiered this past summer in Chicago, Philadelphia and Astoria, N.Y.

"Fresh Films was really cool," Lucas said. "We made a movie for teens, by teens. I learned a lot about filmmaking. It was really cool to help make something everyone could enjoy."

In the future, Lucas plans to go into a field related to filmmaking.

"There are a lot of different careers related to filmmaking," Lucas said. "I'm leaning toward being a talent agent, which is someone who helps clients find films to work on."

▶ FOCUSING HIS CAMERA. Lucas Newell, sophomore, takes a photo during a photo shoot in Photography. "I took Photography because I wanted to learn how to frame and set up photos," Lucas said. "I was interested in the developing process, too." ▶ STANDING BEHIND HIM. Lucas takes a close-up of Kyle Hansen, senior. "I thought it'd be cool to get a photo of him looking through his fingers like they do on set when setting up a scene," Lucas said. "The theme of the photo shoot was close-ups, which was challenging, but fun."

TIMEFRAME

In addition to filming "The Stream," Lucas Newell, sophomore, took part in a number of projects

2010

- Filmed middle school announcements from 2010 to 2012

2011

- Attended Munster Parks and Recreation film camp in summer 2011
- Filmed teaser trailer for "The Stream" in fall 2011

2012

- Filmed "The Stream" and an AT&T PSA for no texting while driving in Philadelphia, Pa. in summer 2012

2013

- Attended premiere of "The Stream" in Chicago and helped film "Water" and "Stairs," two projects of Kendall Goldberg's, '13

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Samantha Berg
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Melissa Bermudez
Zachary Bieniak
Anna Bilse

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Dorde Blagojevic
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Paige Bohling
Heather Born
Taylor Brant
Joshua Briette

Trevor Brooks
Michael Brozovic
Zachary Brum
Connor Bubash
Dylan Bugajski
Theodore Burgwald
Ginger Burks

Brett Butler
Samantha Buvala
Mariah Cabrales
Alexia Calderon
Emmanuel Campos
Daniel Cappo
Therese Capriglione

Bridget Caraher
Alyssa Carpenter
Zola Carter
Veronica Casillas
Mia Castro
Julia Chael
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Shannon Chopin
Jordan Cistola
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Haley Collison

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Kaila Crague
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Naeemah Culpepper
Michael Cuvala
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Mega Dafiaghor
Kristen Davidson
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Dominick Delia
Michale DeLong
Trey DeLuna
Jacob Demeter
Arlo Detmer
Shivani Dighamber
Allison Dinh

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DeArJnae Douglas
Jacob Dragicevich
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Jaclyn Dye
Cristian Eloisa

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Caitlyn Gilbert
Brandon Gill
Chase Ginaven
Kaitlynne Gleason
Anthony Gonzalez
Dylan Goodman
Kory Gouwens

Kayley Gruber
Emily Grunewald
Esbeida Guzman
Luke Hackett
Michael Haddadin
Allison Hajduch
James Han

ON A ROLL

Many of the sequences that Emily Wierman, sophomore, performed in baton twirling, like the neck roll sequence, consisted of a step-by-step process that came together for a routine

BRING TO FRONT

"Place the baton on the side of your neck and tuck it in with your chin."

+

TO THE SIDE

"Catch the baton on the other side."

+

REPEAT ON OTHER SIDE

"Spin the baton, so it keeps going."

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Trevon Hawkins
Rosendo Heath
Zachary Held
Luke Heritage
Isabel Hernandez
Jessica Hernandez

Jessica Herrera
Christina Hough
Jenson Huang
Alexander Huard
Bri'Ana Hudson
Jerry Jacinto
Morgyn Jackson

Camille Jancosek
Julia Janik
Mladjan Jankovic
Sydney Jasinski
Kyle Jen
Harsh Jhaveri
Emily Johnson

Shandan Johnson
Natasha Jones
Hannah Juarez
Nathaniel Kaczka
Zachary Kall
Meena Kandallu
Abigail Kapitan

Sydney Kaplan
John Karamichos
Yiorgo Karnezis
Kelsie Kasper
Brett Kaufmann
Joseph Kennedy
Tyler Keslin

TWIST 'N TWIRL

From a young age, Emily Wierman, sophomore, began practicing and competing in baton twirling

From finger twirls to hand tosses, Emily Wierman, sophomore, used the baton to showcase her talent at practice and competitions.

"It was more like a family thing," Emily said. "It was like a lot of glitz and glam, and I liked that aspect of it."

Emily began baton twirling at the age of five with heavy influence from her grandmother.

"My grandma was a twirler also," Emily said. "I usually practiced at my grandma's church. My grandma held lessons for people at church, and I helped teach those."

At a younger age, Emily competed in local competitions. She won a state competition in the under eight age division and placed top ten at Notre Dame Nationals in the 9-10 age division.

"It was a great sense of accomplishment when I won," Emily said. "It felt good because of that family encouragement, so she (my grandmother) was really proud too."

After practicing baton twirling for many years, Emily encountered some difficulties while trying to learn a new routine.

"It wasn't something you could be told what to do," Emily said. "You had to get a feel for it."

◀ STRIKE A POSE Baton in the air, Emily Wierman, sophomore, practices her routine. "Half of it was hand-eye coordination like tricks and the other half was personality," Emily said. "Being confident and the showmanship part came naturally."

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Austin Klawitter
Shanna Klisser
John Knight
Caitlyn Knor
Clara Kopacz
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Timothy Krajci
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Morgan Lagestee
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David Ortega
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David Palacios
Kyle Palermo
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Aarju Patel
Avi Patel
Jatin Patel

OUTSIDE THE BOX

After learning how to solve the Rubik's cube, Jill Ylo, sophomore, challenged herself to set a faster time

For most people, 10 seconds means tying their shoes or sending someone a Snapchat. But, for Jill Ylo, sophomore, 10.66 seconds means solving a 3x3 Rubik's cube.

"I wasn't preparing to get that time," Jill said. "It just happened when it did. I felt mostly triumph after I finally got it, and then after that, I just solved it again."

In third grade, Jill watched her mother solve a Rubik's cube and became interested in learning how to solve it herself.

"When we bought a Rubik's cube, it came with a pamphlet on how to solve it, so we both kind of learned how to do," Jill said. "My mom relearned it, and she taught me how to do it."

After consistently solving the Rubik's cube, Jill began timing herself with an online cube timer.

"The most difficult part about solving the Rubik's cube was getting faster progressively," Jill said. "At a certain point it came to perfecting the little details of the process."

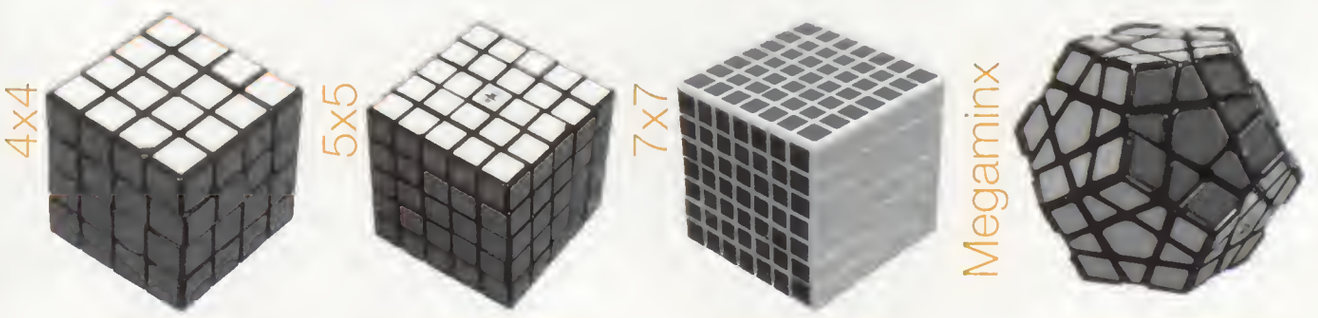
Finally, after six years of solving the cube, Jill reached her personal record of 10.66 seconds during her freshman year.

"When you first looked at the timer, and you saw a time like that, you thought 'Oh, I can't believe I got it,'" Jill said. "But, then it hit you that you solved a cube that fast and it was possible."

▶ BUILDING BLOCKS Solving a 5x5 Rubik's cube, Jill Ylo, sophomore, goes through several steps in order to achieve her fastest time. "When you were solving the cube, there were like four or five general steps," Jill said. "So, for each step, you tried to process what was the fastest way to get to the solving state. None of it was thought process. It just became muscle memory, and your fingers just did the work."

ADDING ONE BY ONE

Besides a 3x3 Rubik's cube, Jill Ylo, sophomore also achieved personal records in other Rubik's cubes that had larger dimensions, different shapes and greater difficulty levels



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VEGAN POWER

Students practiced a unique diet plan that excluded all foods made from animals for two distinct reasons

Late at night, Vishva Maniar, sophomore, gets up for a snack. Unlike most high schoolers, she skips the milk and cookies and goes for leftover sautéed tofu to comply with her vegan diet.

"I mainly wanted to become a vegan because my sister wanted someone to do it with her," Vishva said. "The reason it was so hard for me was because the rest of my family at home was still vegetarian, and my sister was in college."

However, Arlo Detmer, sophomore, had other reasons.

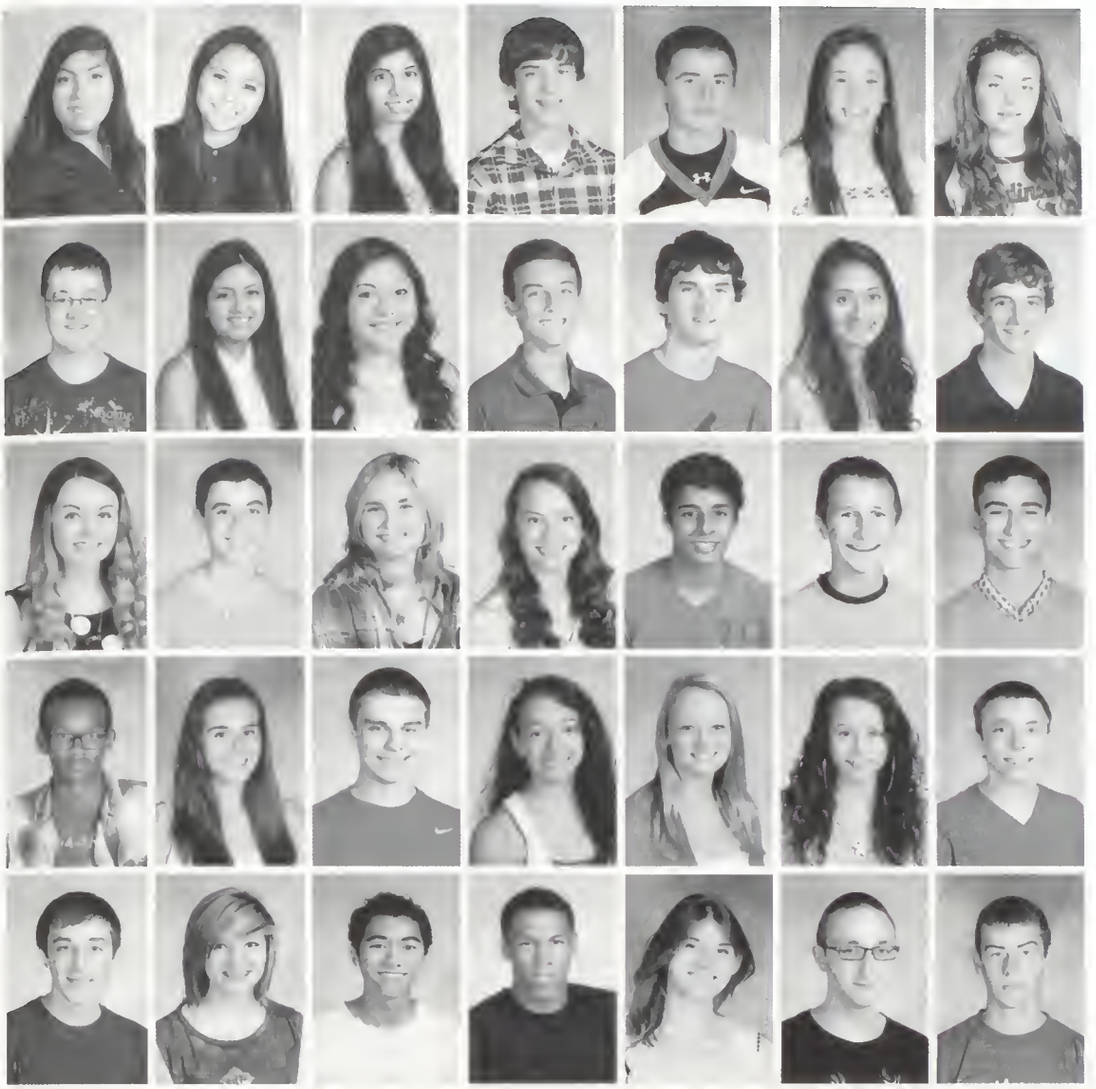
"I was born and raised a vegan, but it is now my choice to be a vegan," Arlo said. "I chose to do it because I don't believe it is right to kill animals for food."

Already vegetarian, Vishva had no trouble leaving meat out of her diet. Substitutes for foods such as milk and eggs made cooking simpler, too.

"Cooking vegan foods seemed like it was completely different from regular cooking, but it was fairly easy," Vishva said. "There are always substitutes for foods."

Both students agreed that becoming vegan was both a rewarding and simple process.

"One problem people had with going vegan was that they thought they had to start immediately after they decided to change their diet, but you don't," Arlo said. "You could cut things out of your diet as slowly as you felt comfortable."



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◀ LUNCH BOX IN FRONT OF HIM. Arlo Detmer, sophomore, enjoys a homemade vegan lunch at school. "The school didn't have a whole lot of vegan-friendly items to serve, so bringing my own lunch just made sense," Arlo said. ▲ AS A SNACK. Vishva Maniar, sophomore, rinses an orange at her sink. "I definitely started eating a lot more fruits and vegetables and healthier foods in general (after becoming vegan)," Vishva said. "I was happy I did, too, because I've only seen positive changes in my life so far, like it was keeping me more energized than junk food."

HAVE YOUR CAKE AND BE VEGAN TOO

Vegan student Vishva Maniar, sophomore, found a way to enjoy a dessert usually off-limits to vegans by learning a new recipe

▲ WHAT'S COOKING. Carefully arranging them into a pyramid, Vishva Maniar, sophomore, sets the vegan orange cranberry muffins she has baked out to be eaten. "I found all sorts of cool recipes on the Internet, which made cooking that much easier," Vishva said.

ORANGE CRANBERRY VEGAN MUFFINS

- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 2/3 cups sugar
- 2 tsps baking powder
- 1/2 tsp baking soda
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1 cup fresh orange juice
- 1/2 cup canola oil
- 2 tbsps orange zest
- 2 tsp vanilla extract
- 1/4 tsp almond extract
- 1 1/2 cups cranberries, roughly chopped

1. Preheat oven to 375°F and lightly grease muffin tin
2. In a large bowl, mix flour, sugar, baking soda, baking powder and salt
3. Mix canola oil, orange juice, zest, vanilla and cranberries
4. Use a spoon and create a hole in the center of the dry ingredients and add wet ingredients, mixing well
5. Fill muffin tins 3/4 full and bake for 23-27 min. or until lightly browned on top

Sources: Vishva Maniar, sophomore; theppk.com

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RUNS IN THE FAMILY

The iconic restaurants and stores ran by local families presented unique experiences for the owner's children

Built around family-owned restaurants, Munster has businesses, like Commander Restaurant and Arnie's Dog House, scattered throughout town. Students who grew up in these places lived a unique childhood, one filled with responsibilities, different opportunities and, of course, food.

"My grandfather started Arnie's years ago," sophomore Clay Arnold, Arnie's Dog House owner's son, said. "When I was little, I always thought it was so cool going in the back, even though I felt like I was in the way the whole time. I would mix a whole bunch of different pops together and experiment while I was waiting for my food because I could not make that."

Owning a restaurant was more than fun, games and food. Businesses thrived off of customer loyalty and their relationships with them. So being the owner's son or daughter came with its territory, which involved owning up to the family name around town, according to Maria Sirounis, sophomore, Commander Restaurant owner's daughter.

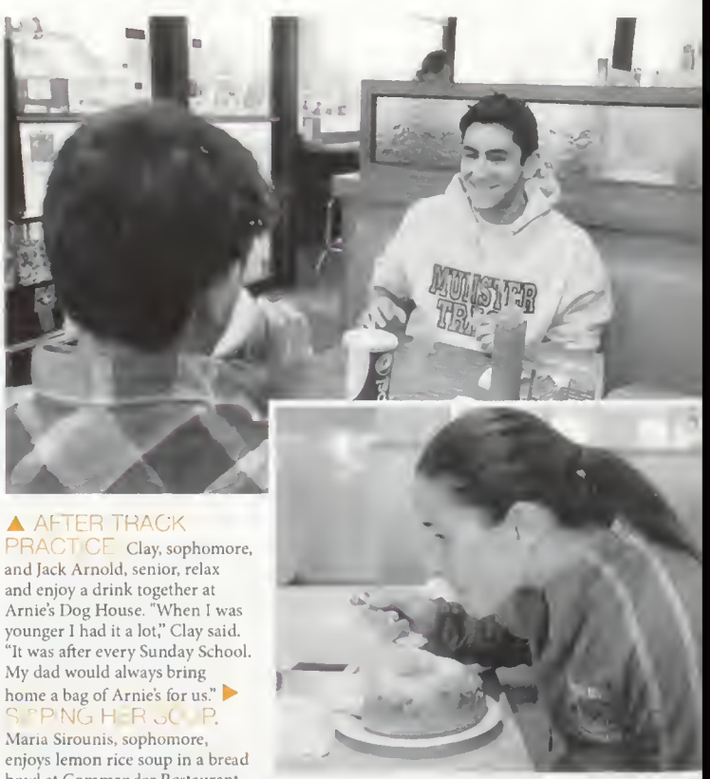
"People knew you if they knew Commanders," Maria said.

Along with society's pressures, this position also came with expectations from their family, according to Sydney Kaplan, sophomore, Krazy Kaplan's Fireworks owner's daughter.

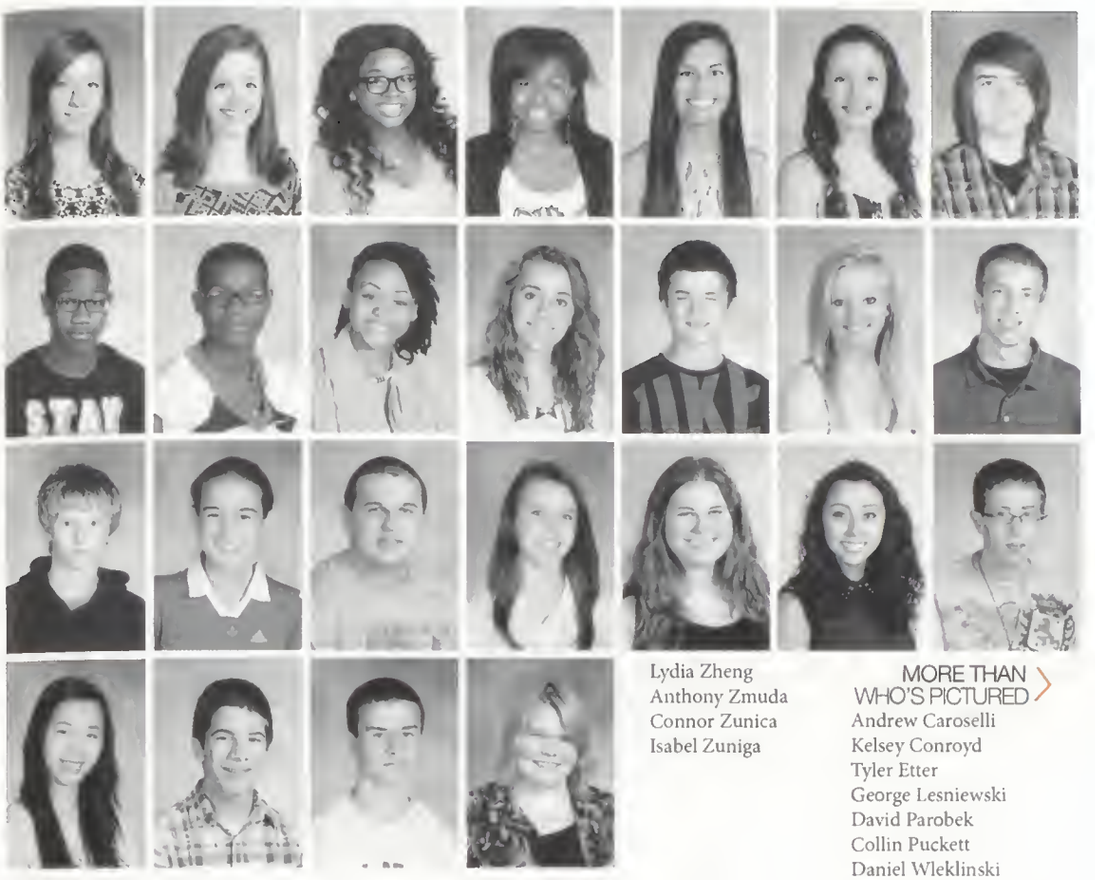
"The pressure to keep up with my father's high standards and meeting his high expectations was hard sometimes," Sydney said.

These restaurants and stores served not only as iconic landmarks for the customers but also served as memorabilia for the families that owned them.

"The fact that it (Arnie's) was passed from my grandpa to my dad was pretty cool," Clay said. "Arnie's was a sort of nickname, like Coach Frank (Bob Frankowiak, former football coach) called me Arnie. There were a lot of people who knew the Arnolds and still called us that all the time."



▲ AFTER TRACK PRACTICE. Clay, sophomore, and Jack Arnold, senior, relax and enjoy a drink together at Arnie's Dog House. "When I was younger I had it a lot," Clay said. "It was after every Sunday School. My dad would always bring home a bag of Arnie's for us." ▶ SIPPING HER SOUP. Maria Sirounis, sophomore, enjoys lemon rice soup in a bread bowl at Commander Restaurant. "It was like another home," Maria said "If I needed to stay somewhere for a few hours, I knew I couldn stay there."



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HOME GROWN

Several students' families owned many of local staple restaurants and stores around town

JIMMY JOHN'S

- Known for their sandwiches & chips
- Owned by sophomore Jack Opilka's family
- They helped Kyleen Nolan's class raise about $40 for Pennies for Patients by placing a box at their register for their customers' donations

COMMANDER RESTAURANT

- Known for their lemon rice soup, hot chocolate, milkshakes and fries
- Owned by sophomore Maria Sirounis's family
- The original Commander Restaurant was in Michigan, then they opened Mr. Gus' in Lansing, IL followed by Commander in Munster

KRAZY KAPLANS

- Known for their fireworks
- Owned by sophomore Sydney Kaplan's family
- Her father began the business in the basement of his home

ARNIE'S DOG HOUSE

- Known for their hot dogs and fries
- Owned by senior Jack and sophomore Clay Arnold's family
- The mural on the back wall of the restaurant is based on Clay's grandparents

DANTE'S HOUSE OF PIZZA

- Known for their pizza and pasta
- Owned by senior Courtney and sophomore Connor Zunica's family
- After arriving here from Italy, their grandfather opened Zunie's

Sources: sophomores Jack Opilka, Maria Sirounis, Sydney Kaplan, Clay Arnold and Connor Zunica

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Jacob Arteaga
Ani Arzumanian

TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES

Matt Dempsey, freshman, experienced his first day the hard way with many scheduling problems

Walking into his first period, [redacted], freshman, became filled with anxiety when he looked around and realized too late that he was surrouned by upperclassmen and not in the English 9 class he was expecting.

"My first day was a real train wreck," Matt said.

Coming over from St. Thomas More, Catholic School, Matt found himself lost in a new school.

"I went with my sister ([redacted], junior) to get our schedules, but mine didn't have anything written on it," Matt said. "It took a week for me to find out my schedule."

Upon finding out from Hannah that all the English classes were in North, he freaked out.

"I saw a ton of my sister's friends and people who were in grades older than I was," Matt said. "(The teacher) said something like 'Welcome to Personal Finance.'"

Matt found himself confused and lost as he sat in the wrong class as freshman.

"The teacher sent me to guidance," Matt said. "This was a problem because I didn't know where that was."

He wandered around the school and passed Mr. Morgan Nolan, Dean of Students, twice in five minutes.

"He actually looked terrifying," Matt said.

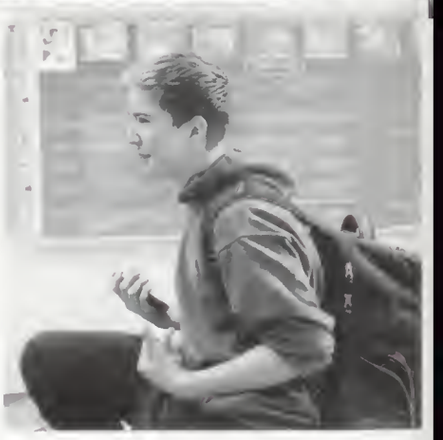
He walked to lunch just to find out that he never got a student ID because of the first hour issue.

"So I basically starved the rest of the day," Matt said.

Matt sat down at his lunch table and reflected on his day with his old and new friends.

"I thought to myself 'Well, I don't think it gets worse than this,'" Matt said.

▲ [redacted] but Matt Dempsey, freshman, took his terrible first day lightly and decided to have an optimistic look on the rest of his high school career. "I didn't think this had a negative effect on me," Matt said. "The next day I got my ID card and had a much better day."



▶ [redacted] Matt Dempsey, freshman, talks to his friend in his history class after receiving his correct schedule. "I panicked because at St. Thomas More (Catholic School) that class (Personal Finance) didn't exist, so I've never even heard of it before. So I raised my hand and told him, and he sent me to guidance." Matt said.

'CAUSE YA HAD A BAD DAY

Matt Dempsey, freshman, took on a memorable first day of high school

7:45 a.m. — Attends Personal Finance instead of English 9

8:25 a.m. — Gets lost on the way to Guidance and questioned by an administrator

12:30 p.m. — Doesn't receive an ID card, so no lunch for Matt on his first day

Alexandria Ashenbaugh
Jonathan Augustynski
Brandon Avila
Vincent Badali
Claire Bailey
John Bales
Tessa Bales

Ashley Ballard
Christopher Baltages
Alexander Baltensberger
Thomas Beckman
Olivia Bednarowski
Elena Bedolla
Cody Bertrand

Alexandria Bleza
Robert Blocher
Nemanja Bogunovic
Brandon Boilek
Joshua Brann
Mei Brasel
Ashley Breger

Kylee Brewer
Isaac Brody
Kyrie Brown
Nicholas Buell
Olivia Buono
Gianna Burks
Cameron Bush

Kyle Buvala
Javier Campos
Jenna Cappo
Jacob Carlson
Justin Carnett
Christian Carrillo
Bailey Catt

Jordan Chansler
Kirsten Chavez
Armani Chavolla
Kenneth Chinnam
Lexi Chipules
Safa Chowdhury
Abigail Chronowski

Alyssa Chronowski
Samantha Chua
Jonathan Cieslak
Ezekiel Clark
Lillie Cockrum
Lauren Comanse
Rodrigo Contreras

Jajuan Cooper
Brandon Cordero
Jason Crary
Stacey Cross
Christian Cruz
Hannah Curtis
Megan Dato

Christa Davis
Ajeyo De
Nico De Cero
Timothy De Rolf
Alyssa DeJoan
Rosalinda DeLuna
Logan Demkovich

Matthew Dempsey
Seshan Devanathan
Christina DeVries
Jennifer Diaz
Rico Diaz
Mackenzie Dickeson
Jillian Dixon

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Desirae Egebrecht
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Nicholas Eliopoulos
Joshua Engle
Nicholas Enochs

Hannah Ernst
Corin Erwin
Evyn Everett
Jon Fahey-Smith
Sugar Fane
Mackinzie Farnell
Elizabeth Fies

Scott Fischer
Nathaniel Fleming
Sky Flores
Madolyn Foley
Demetri Fotopoulos
Nicholas Franczak
Ian Frantal

A DOG'S LIFE

Katie Kordeck, freshman, loved dogs as a child and hopes to work with them in the future

As a four-year-old, Katie Kordeck, freshman, flipped through her encyclopedia to look at the pictures and facts about her favorite animal, the dog.

"When I was younger I used to have a lot of eye surgeries," Katie said. "When I used to have to wait, I'd bring one of my like six dog encyclopedias. I could read some of the books, but she (my mother) would pick out different sections of the book for me to look at."

Reading books in the waiting room inspired Katie's obsession with dogs.

"When I was little I wanted to be a dog," Katie said. "I had dreams that when I died I would come back as a dog. As a five-year-old I'd tell my mom, 'Can you put this leash around my neck?'"

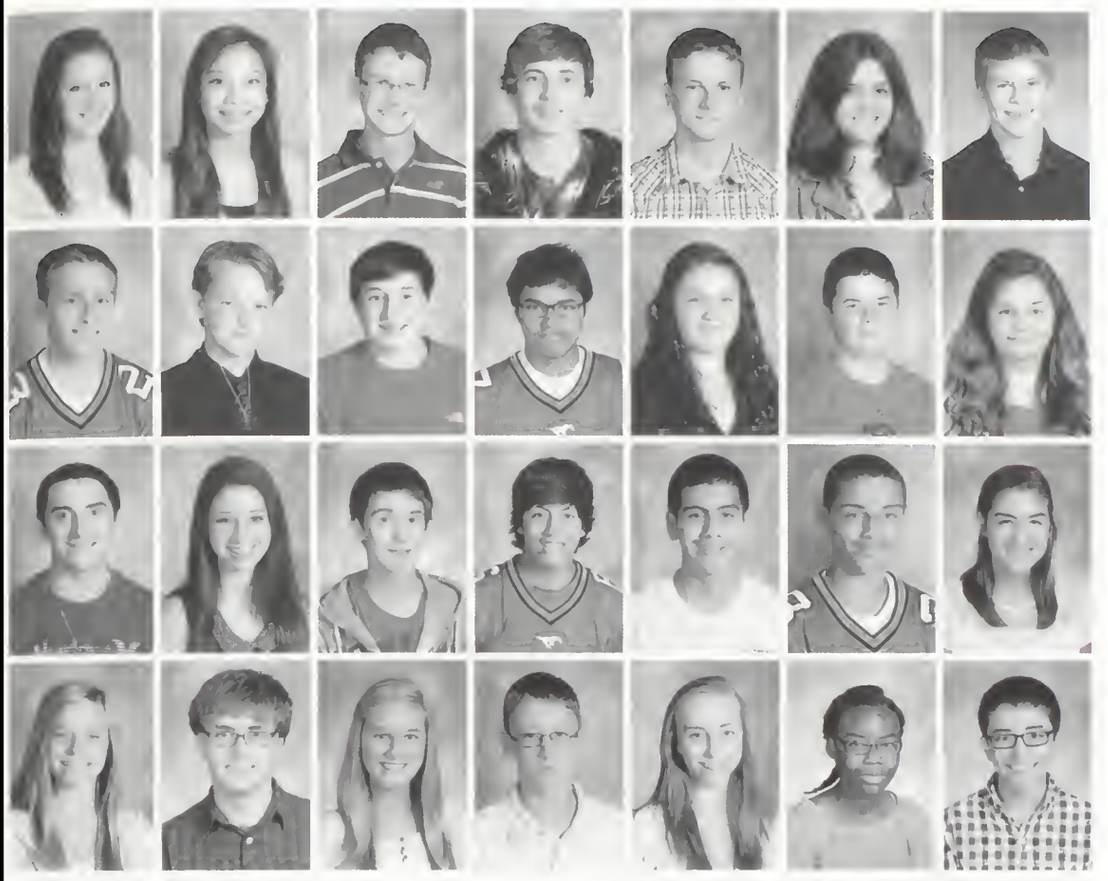
As Katie grew, she preferred watching dog television shows or volunteering with dogs, rather than playing with stuffed animals.

"I liked a show that was taken off the air, 'It's Me or the Dog,'" Katie said. "Victoria Stilwell (the show host) was like my childhood savior. That was where I learned all my training techniques. I helped my friend in Michigan train dogs because they had a farm up there. I learned that every dog is unique and individual, and you had to base your lessons on your dog."

Katie hopes her training techniques will benefit her in a future career path.

"After high school me and my friend Christina Mendoza (freshman) want to move to Wisconsin on this property," Katie said. "My mom and I already have this planned out like how to pay the first few months' rent and we want it to be an animal rescue, not just for dogs but all types of animals. We want to run it at no cost and completely nonprofit."

▶ Toy in hand, Katie Kordeck, freshman, holds her stuffed German Shepard, Mike."Whenever we went shopping at Hallmark you could leave me in the stuffed animal section, I'd get three at a time," Katie said.



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Blake Gardiner

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Marcelino Gonzales
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Emma Gouliaev

Agatha Grabowski
David Green
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Brenden Grogan
Skyler Gronkiewicz
Kaylynn Gruber
Isaac Gutierrez

TEACHING AN OLD DOG NEW TRICKS

By watching dog television shows and attending training camps, Katie Kordeck, freshman, taught tricks to her rescue pug, Cooper

FETCH

"I started throwing food across the kitchen, and he'd chase it and we'd call it fetch. Then we got a ball, and then it was a rope and then he just fetched anything."

DANCE

"It (teaching him to walk on his legs) was kind of by accident. I was holding food on my side, and he saw it and then he stood on his legs to get it. Then we started to use cheese or table scraps, and we kept working on it. He was a food driven dog."

SIT PRETTY WITH PAW

"I made him sit up, and I'd hold the food up a little bit and if I stuck my hand up he'd just balance for it."

Dylan Harish
William Hassellof
Kelsey Hecht
Shawn Heritage
Gabriella Herrera
Jonathan Herrera
Brandiline Hoover

Nicole Howard
Richard Hwang
Jake Ingoglia
Rowell Irfan
Maram Isa
Ashwin Iyer
Eduardo Jimenez

Michael Johnston
Michael Jonelis
Amanda Jones
Andrew Jumonville
Natalie Kaczka
Rachel Kalbfell
Kosta Karagan

Nicole Katalinic
Gurkiran Kaur
Danijela Kaurin
Cameron Kekelik
Siddharth Khajuria
Siman Khatra
Abigail Kiesling

Olivia Kindt
Bryanna Knoche
Greg Kocal
Anisha Kondamuri
Katie Kordeck
Molly Korman
Peter Kounelis

GADGETS AND GIZMOS

Matt Treco, freshman, estimates how many items he has in his collection

- TYPEWRITERS: 6
- RADIOS: 6
- CASSETTE TAPES: 40
- PHONES: 15
- RECORDS: 60
- POSTCARDS: 150
- 8 TRACK TAPES: 12
- POSTCARDS: 150
- VINTAGE MAGAZINE ADS:16

▲ Matt Treco, freshman, admires pictures of Region landmarks. "A lot of people didn't send post cards so these are all like new," Matt said. "I had every landmark from the downtown courthouse, to Hammond High and my birth city, East Chicago." ▶ Matt pulls it apart to look at its inner workings. "The bad thing about having old phones is that little things break off every now and again, I'd have to glue things back on." Matt said. "Super glue and antiques are the greatest combination ever."

Katherine Kruse
Andrew Krzesinski
Natalie Kuipers
Ruth Kurowski
Matthew Kvasnica
Sara Ladd
Arianna Lagunas

Megan Larson
Brittney Lee
Meredith Lee
Sandra Lesniewski
Dana Levitan
Nolan Lomeli
Emily Long

Alondra Lopez
Briana Lopez
Angel Lovison
Isaac Luehrs
Michael Madura
Tatyana Magana
Saveda Majety

Cesar Maldonado
Erin Maley
Lilean Mansour
Joshua Marciniak
Matthew Marcus
Michael Marich
Serena Marin

Michael Markovich
Kyra Marriott
Samantha Marsh
Asia Marshall
Lauren Martin
Eric Martinez
Patrick Massengill

BLAST FROM THE PAST

Matt Treco, freshman, used his bedroom as a space to store and display the large variety of items he has collected and fixed up from the 20th century

Walking into the home that Matt Treco freshman, shares with his grandparents is like entering a time capsule. Surrounded by everything from antique radios to typewriters to books from the 1930s, Matt has come to appreciate the value in fixing and preserving items from the 20th century through his collecting.

"A lot of people thought I was so dated because I lived with my grandparents, but my grandpa has a flat screen. And I bought my TV for $15 because the one that I had wasn't old enough," Matt said.

Encouraged by his grandparents, he took to collecting, learning about and fixing items that interested him primarily from the 20th century.

"A lot of people bought expensive clothes, I bought old phones." Matt said. "My intention wasn't for it to get big, I wanted to decorate my room, and it just became a collection."

Matt started his collection as a way to decorate on a tight budget, but his passion made it become his primary hobby.

"I don't want people to sell it off," Matt said. "It took me too much time buying it and devoting passion to it to see it all get split up. I would donate it to a museum. They're worth something to me. Even if no one feels attached to them, I do."

He saw his collection as a way of looking into and preserving the past, full of items that work just as well as their modern counterparts.

"If you get rid of everything from the past, your culture, your life, what's left to say you were there, that you lived?" Matt said. "If you didn't save it, how could you say what was important at the time? You could recreate things any time, but it's the original examples of stuff that's important."

Matt was unsure if he would always have his collection, but it brought him happiness and something to do with his spare time.

"I don't know what I'm going to do with it when I'm in college," Matt said. "I'll look back and my room will either be blank again and I'll be wondering why I collected so much, or I'll be on (the TV show) 'Hoarders.'"

NEXT LEVEL

Inspired by dystopian literature, Jordan Wright, freshman, developed a video game with his friends

With smog filling the air and propaganda flying in the background, you race across rooftops, jumping from building to building. You've been framed of committing a thought crime, and in an effort to flee the thought police, you run.

This was the vision [redacted], freshman, had for the first stage in the two-dimensional stealth game he was developing, OneMoreStealth.

"It (OneMoreStealth) was a type of infinite runner game. Except, there was a twist," Jordan said. "It was based on the story of '1984' by George Orwell."

After reading "1984," he began creating the art work for the game's interface using Unity, a video game developing program. Jordan was not working on this project alone, though. He worked alongside friends from Brazil, Puerto Rico, Canada and the United Kingdom in developing the game.

"We all found each other on another game, 'Atmosphere,'" Jordan said. "We were all really young when we played that game—like 11, 12, 13—so we all got really close through the years."

Once the game is fully developed, Jordan and his friends plan to release it on three operating systems that include Mac OSX, Linux and Windows. In the future, Jordan plans to work in either coding or art and take on more projects like OneMoreStealth.

"I liked figuring out how to make something work how I intended it to," Jordan said. "Or finding a way to cheat the system, in a way, and make it work properly."

[redacted] Sitting in the Commons, Jordan Wright, freshman, works on his laptop. "I usually eat a really quick lunch and then go out to the Commons with my friends," Jordan said. "I spend the rest of lunch working on the game."

LEVEL UP

OneMoreStealth consisted of two stages

[redacted]

- Characterized by speed and agility
- Character jumps from rooftop to rooftop to avoid pursuers
- Puzzle elements may be included to challenge the player

[redacted]

- Characterized by slower, stealth game play
- Character sneaks around, trying to retrieve intel and avoid being seen by guards or soldiers

Source: Jordan Wright, freshman

Kaitlyn McHale
Ashley McPartlan
Emily Mecklin
Paige Mecyssine
Cruz Medina
Dailyn Mendez
Christina Mendoza

Ian Merkel
Matthew Michel
Chloe Miller
Jessika Miller
Reid Miller
Sidney Milne
Vicente Misch-Ramirez

Christo Mitrakis
Melanie Mooney
Lushawna Morris
Lauren Mosley
Nydia Moss
Brianna Mossburg
Abbigale Nauracy

Samantha Nauracy
Tianna Nichols
Anthony Niemiec
Isabel Nieves
Noah O'Mara
Danielle Oberman
Milan Obradovic

Obiageli Oniah
Andrew Opat
Reily Opilka
Kristin Osborne
Zahraa Ouyuon
Georgia Pappas
Peter Pappas

Jigen Patel
Vrusti Patel
Cristian Patino
Stephanie Patterson
Nirav Patwari
Ty Percak
Allison Petro

Anna Phelps
Alexia Pitsas
Mary Katherine Pruzin
Peyton Puplava
Alexander Radowick
Alejandro Ramirez
Gabrielle Ramirez

Julian Ramirez
Vincent Ramos-Niaves
Kate Rau
Alexandra Raycroft
Anthony Redman
Amanda Reyes
Brian Reynolds

Logan Rhodes
Gabriella Richey
Adam Richter
Andy Riddle
Michael Riley
Brendan Ristenpart
Maya Rosales

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Eric Salzeider
Samuel Schuler
Jaylan Scott

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Perima Shah
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Angad Sidhu
Austin Skeens
Anna Slosser

Hunter Small
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Jarod Sohacki
Nicholas Sopcic
Lazar Stanisavljevic

Katelyn Stanko
Henry Stanley
Alexis Starkey
Sierra Stepanovich
Benjamin Stiffler
Lily Stooksbury
Jacob Strbjak

Ashley Strege
Levi Strickland
James Svolos
Dream Swan
Katherine Szakacs
Jordan Szymanski
Christian Tagamolila

Alexis Tanner
Porter Taylor
Sarah Tenuta
Lane Terry
Genesis Tienstra
Erik Tinoko
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MacKenzie Torphy
Matthew Torres
Dailyn Townes
Matthew Treco
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Caia Trykall
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Maggie Van Kleek
Nicholas Van Sipma
Mariah Vargas
Catherine Vasquez
Andrew Vicari

PLAYING UP

When coaches posted final team rosters, a few freshmen found out they qualified for Varsity

As tryouts ended most freshmen hoped to just make their sports team, but a few raised the bar and qualified for Varsity. On the day of callbacks, Lexi Pitsos, freshman, found out she made the Varsity Volleyball team.

"A part of me was really excited and shocked at the same time, but the other part of me was so nervous," Lexi said. "But the girls on the team were so welcoming and so good. I couldn't have asked for any other team."

A welcoming team helped to motivate the freshmen on Varsity, according to varsity dancer Caia Trykall, freshman.

"I learned a lot from being on Varsity," Caia said. "It was a huge step from the middle school level to the varsity high school level of dance. I learned a lot about dedication and commitment because I had to really work to try to meet the level of my teammates."

While practicing or attending tournaments, Caia became friends with the varsity dancers.

"All the upperclassmen were so nice to me," Caia said. "I loved them all. Leksi Gasich (senior) from the beginning was nice and showed me around the school."

The seniors worked to make sure all varsity dancers competed at their best ability.

"It was awesome to see a freshman push herself to limits she didn't know she had," Leksi said. "She's a great dancer and I know she'll keep growing with it."

Mariah Villaroman
Stephanie Vjestica
Nicole Wakefield
Breann Ward
Hunter Ward
Kayla Warner
Lily Warren

Nyssa Wedgeworth
Anna Whitney
Kayla Williams
Megan Wimmer
Chloe Wineinger
Henry Wolf
Isaiah Woods

Makayla Woods
Jordan Wright
Patrick Wu
Aaron Wuchenich
Jack Wulf
Kayleigh Yaeger
Jacob Yalowitz

Alexander Yao
Arris Yoniles
Michael Yoniles
Alden Yuen
Samantha Zaborowski
Samuel Zachary
Frank Zahariadis

Hannah Zaremba
Emily Zellinger
Jordan Zimmerman
Peter Zimmers
Daniel Zuccarelli
Hunter Zukley

MORE THAN WHO'S PICTURED

Sean Cleary
Trevor Cole
Ashley Hayes
Christian Reardon
Franco Storino
Elisa Del Toro

Kiriako Tsoukalas (16), freshman, poses for pictures with the rest of the soccer team. "I felt really accomplished, because I worked for it (a varsity spot)," Kiriako said. "I was excited to play with the seniors."

Melanie Mooney, freshman, passes Kat Gonzales, junior, at a Cross Country meet. "They (the upperclassmen) set great examples of who I could become in future years," Melanie said.

Lexi Pitsas, freshman, was one of two varsity volleyball players to play libero. "I was very excited but nervous at the same time (to play Varsity)," Lexi said.

A WHOLE NEW LEVEL

At Awards Night most Speech and Debate members received Varsity letters after their second year of competing, but a handful of freshmen received letters by qualifying for Nationals or placing top 18 at State

Debate Vice President, Elena Piech, junior, gives a letter to Anna Whitney, freshman, debate national qualifier. "It took a lot of dedication and hard work in the weeks leading up to the tournament, especially after school when I was there every day for at least two hours," Anna said.

freshmen Alex Raycroft, Alyssa DeJoan and Mariah Villaroman stand on the auditorium stage with their letters. "I semi-finaled at State," Mariah said. "Me and my partner Daniel Straka (senior) wrote our piece ourselves."

Mr. Jaime Barba: German, German Club
Dr. Larry Brechner: Auditorium Director
Mrs. Donna Buck: West Lake
Mr. Brian Clark: Athletic Director
Ms. Kathleen Clemens: English, Speech & Debate Coach

Mr. Kevin Clyne: English
Ms. Bonnie Corrigan: West Lake
Mrs. Tammy Daugherty: English, English Department Chair
Mrs. Brynn Denton: Home School Facilitator
Mrs. Jennifer Dettlo: Spanish, Foreign Language Department Chair

A CHANGE OF KEY

While Mr. Jean-Franklin Magrou, French teacher, had a love for teaching, he also had a passion for playing the piano

Most children try every extra-curricular imaginable. From soccer to art to ballet, kids jump from activity to activity in hopes of finding the one that fits them best. However, for Mr. Jean-Franklin Magrou, French teacher, the choice became clear right from the beginning.

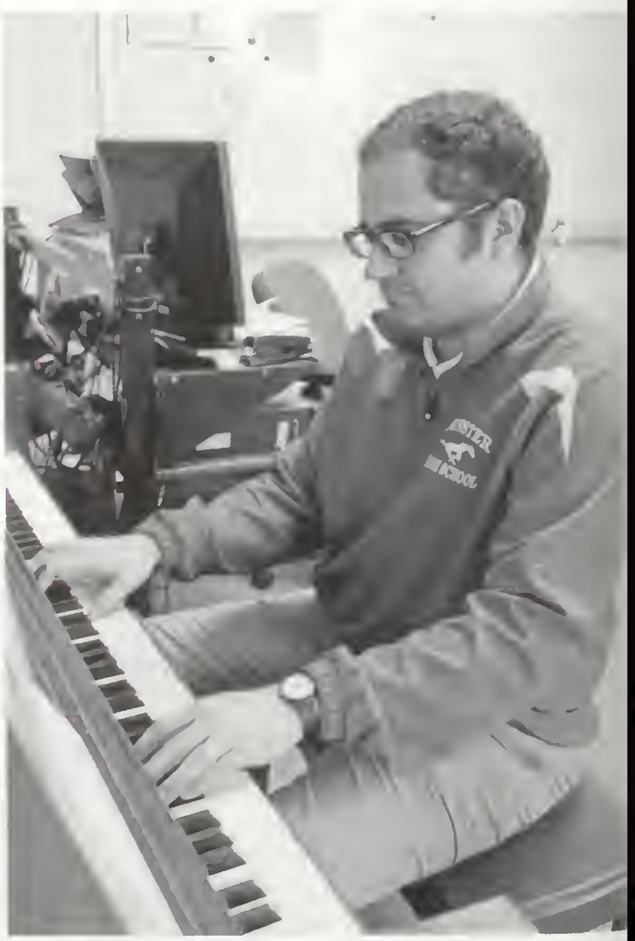
"Piano was a very soothing and challenging activity," Mr. Magrou said. "I really loved how when I played, it was almost as if I was recreating the past. You could play music from 300 years ago, and it had the exact same sound."

Mr. Magrou began playing piano at the age of five, but his interest in piano did not stop at childhood. Mr. Magrou continued to play throughout high school and college, even gaining a Performer's Diploma from the Paris Conservatory.

"When I was at IU (Indiana University), some of my friends at the music school would listen to me play and tell me I should try and get a degree," Mr. Magrou said. "I thought 'What would happen in 50 years if I did not try it?' I had to test myself to see how it worked out, so I would never have any regrets."

Playing the piano throughout his life taught Mr. Magrou many valuable lessons about discipline and about himself.

"I always encouraged students to do extra-curriculars," Mr. Magrou said. "It teaches you to surpass your limits, and it is really gratifying to break different barriers each time."



▶ HIGH NOTE Showing his skills to his AP French 5 class, Mr. Jean-Franklin Magrou, French teacher, practices the piano. "Every piano I played had its own personality, even my beaten up piano in my classroom," Mr. Magrou said. "I had to try to bring out the best in each instrument."

THROUGH THE YEARS

From his childhood years to his adult years, Mr. Jean-Franklin Magrou, French teacher, had differing interests in the types of composers and music he enjoyed listening to and playing

CHILDHOOD

▶ Mozart

"His music was lively and it appealed to me and was easy to understand."

TEENAGE YEARS

▶ Chopin

"When I was a teenager, I was prone to feeling melancholy, and Chopin's music was melancholy."

ADULT YEARS

▶ Gershwin and early jazz

"I liked percussive music like swing and rhythmic music and more complicated music."

▶ Rachmaninov

"I liked reading Russian literature, and playing Russian music helped me understand the complicated literature better."

Mrs. Michelle Duffy: English, Cross Country Coach
Mr. Peter Fatouros: Guidance Counselor, Best Buddies
Mr. Carl Fields: Ceramics, Sculpture, Art Department Chair
Mr. Donald Fortner: Social Studies, Speech & Debate Co-Director, Social Studies Department Chair
Mrs. Audrey Fuhs: Spanish

Mrs. Jackie Gasca: Science
Mrs. Cara Germann: Science, Track Coach
Mrs. Beth Gibbs: Student Services Assistant
Mr. Michael Gordon: Social Studies, We The People
Mr. Peter Gregory: Guidance Counselor

Mr. James Grunewald: Physical Education, Football Assistant Coach
Mr. Michael Hackett: Health, Boys' Basketball Varsity Head Coach
Mrs. Katherine Harris: Math, Senior CEC Sponsor
Ms. Kelly Haussman: Science
Mr. Joshua Herold: Social Studies, Freshman Football Assistant Coach

Mrs. Amanda Holloway: English
Mr. Matthew Kalwasinski: Social Studies, Freshman Football Coach
Mr. Jude Keelan: West Lake
Mrs. Jessica Kendall: English
Mr. Mark Knight: Math

Mr. Keith Koszut: Science, J.E.T.S., Science Olympiad Co-Director, Science Department Chair
Mrs. Charlene Kuhn: Student Services Secretary
Ms. Sarah-Anne Lanman: Publications Director, English, Photography, Quill and Scroll
Mrs. Kathleen Laporte: Family and Consumer Science, Student Government
Mrs. Brook Lemon: English

Ms. Marcia Levon: West Lake
Mr. Trey Lilley: West Lake
Mr. Jean-Franklin Magrou: French, French Club
Mrs. Rosemary Malagon: Spanish, Spanish Club
Ms. Paula Malinski: Physical Education

Mr. Leroy Marsh: Health, Varsity Football Coach
Ms. Twila Marsh: Media Specialist
Ms. Peggy Matanic: English
Ms. Sarah Matthies: West Lake
Mrs. Penny Mayer: Athletic Secretary

Ms. Catherine Mazeikas: Science, Robotics
Mr. William Melby: Dean of Students
Mrs. Denise Moore: Dean of Students
Mrs. Lori Nicholas: Media Center Secretary
Mrs. Kyleen Nolan: Science, Cross Country Coach

Mr. Morgan Nolan: Assistant Principal
Mrs. Kim Peirick: Business
Mrs. Patricia Premetz: Math, Math Department Chair
Ms. Katherine Riddell: Math, Assistant Girls' Basketball Coach, Girls' Tennis Head Coach
Ms. Brianne Rubesha: Science, Assistant Girls' Track Coach, Freshman Girls' Basketball Coach

Mrs. Jessica Sanchez: Guidance Counselor
Mrs. Judy Sayre: West Lake
Mrs. Keri Shackelford: West Lake
Ms. Shonna Siegers: Science
Mr. Bill Smitka: Social Studies, Boys' Golf Coach, Girls' Golf Coach

FRIENDSHIP THAT CAN'T BE TAUGHT

Much like students, teachers formed close friendships with some of the colleagues they saw on a daily basis

After a long week, Mrs. Tammy Daugherty, English teacher, and her husband head over to English teachers Mr. and Mrs. Thomas and Kelly Barnes's house on Sunday night. The couples settle down on the couch, turn on the TV and tune in to the next episode of AMC's "The Walking Dead."

"My husband and I started watching 'The Walking Dead' from the get-go," Mrs. Daugherty said. "I mentioned it to the Barneses and they said, 'Why don't you come over and watch it with us?'"

Other teachers found time to hang out together during the school week. Social studies teachers Mr. Joshua Herold and Mr. Matthew Kalwasinski shared the same lunch period. The two met together every day.

"In the 12 years we've worked here, we've only had one semester where we didn't have lunch together," Mr. Herold said. "Mr. K was the third person I met in Munster and the best man at my wedding."

Friendships formed across departments as well. Mrs. Kyleen Nolan, science teacher, and Miss Kristen Szafasz, social studies teacher, became close friends and spent time together throughout the years.

"When we hung out, it was pretty similar to what you guys (the students) did, like hanging out at each other's houses, movie nights, shopping," Mrs. Nolan said. "Having free time over the summer to hang out was also one of the perks of us both being teachers."

▲ JOKING IN THE HALLS, social studies teachers Mr. Joshua Herold, Mr. Matt Kalwasinski and Mr. Donald Fortner walk to lunch. "Mr. K and I met up every day for lunch, and sometimes we let (Mr.) Fortner tag along," Mr. Herold said. "Mr. K and I coached and taught together, and he was always a good friend."

▶ BEFORE CLASS STARTS, English teachers Mrs. Tammy Daugherty, Mrs. Kelly Barnes and Mrs. Michelle Duffy discuss "The Walking Dead." "All the English teachers watched it and talked about it the next day at lunch," Mrs. Daugherty said. "Mrs. Barnes and I got into pretty deep discussions about it."

Mr. Robert Snyder: Director of Guidance
Mr. Joseph Sokol: Math, Senior CEC Sponsor
Mrs. Florencia Stoll: Spanish
Mrs. Athena Svolos: Bookkeeper
Ms. Kristen Szafasz: Social Studies, Sophomore CEC Sponsor

Mr. David Tamez: West Lake
Mrs. Betsy Tanzillo: Audio Visual Secretary
Ms. Sharon Vail: Guidance Counselor
Mrs. Sarah Vicari: Science
Mr. Dusan Vidovic: Math

Ms. Angela Wayne: Social Studies, Student Government, Civics Club
Mr. Mike Wells: Principal
Ms. Leigh Ann Westland: English, Project X
Mrs. Janet Wories: West Lake, Freshman Volleyball Coach
Mr. Stephen Wroblewski: Math

FRONT AND CENTRAL

The administration changed with Mr. Steven Tripenfeldas and Dr. Phyllis Gilworth moving to the Central Office

Mr. Richard A. Sopko, Superintendant

Mr. Steven L. Tripenfeldas, Assistant Superintendant

Dr. Phyllis M. Gilworth, Director of Instructional Programs and Assessment

▲ SCHOOL BOARD *Back Row:* Mrs. Melissa Higgason, Mr. John Friend, Mrs. Mary Yorke, Vice President; *Front Row:* Mrs. Paula Nellans, Secretary, Mrs. Judith Florczak, President. Mrs. Higgason filled the seat recently vacated by Mrs. Carrie Wadas on this year's school board.

Receiving that first A in AP Biology. Pulling the first all-nighter. Asking someone to Turnabout for the first time. Setting the record for the 500 freestyle. Whether we whisper about these moments in class or tweet about them the first chance we get, we make sure they are remembered.

Even though were were one point away from placing second at Debate State or fell one place short to qualify for We the People Nationals, we gained endless memories from the preparation. It's the late night mock debate rounds and weekly Starbucks study sessions that will remain with us.

From placing second at Sectionals for Football to remaining undefeated during the season for Girls' Soccer, we went through hours of practice on the field to running honkers in the summer.

No matter what the result ended up to be, we took pride in how we reached that point. Whether it was 2 a.m. and we still had five more pages to write for our Composition essay, or we took a seven minute mandatory break on yearbook deadline day, the process is what mattered.

It's not what we did, but how we did it, because we are

MORE THAN RECORDS

▶ DEEP IN THOUGHT While learning about latitude and longitude in Earth Space Science, Elena Dekker, junior, practices taking measurements for places in Munster. "It helped because it was a map of Munster instead of some random, made-up city," Elena said. "It helped for the material to actually make sense and apply."

GROUP PICTURES

Academic Team

Front Row Sarah Webster, Cassidy Schwartz, Ashley Talesky, Mary Strong, Sripad Kodukula, Alex Sotiropoulos, Garrett Zuck, Sean Pruzin ***Second Row*** Matthew Szala, Patrick Marsh, JP Cieslak, Seshan Devanathan, Alex Kirr, Daniel Soeka, Peter Panos, Ariana Chioros, Saptarshi Chakraborty ***Third Row*** Patrick Toth, Chetan Chauhan, Charles DeCesaris, Vijay Narayan, Akash Shah, Colin Richter, Luis Dominguez, Will Benman ***Back Row*** Walker Hedgepath, Arlo Detmer, Alex Megremis, Saam Mojtahed, Eashan Kumar, Akhilesh Mishra, Harsh Jhaveri, Joe Yurek, Steven Nowaczyk

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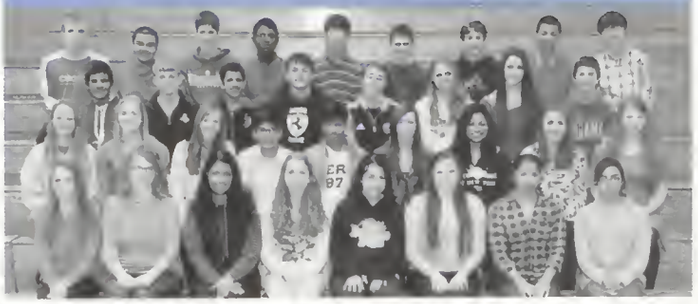

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"I always really liked science so I figured I'd try out. It was a lot more work but it was definitely worth it."- Erin Harvath, junior

Academic Team

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American Sign Language

Front Row Annilee Taylor, Christopher Anguiano, Allison Hemingway, Hannah Dempsey, Jordan Cole, Michelle Prevatte, Wendy Stocky, Amanda Milojkovitch ***Second Row*** Megan Stone, Emily Rhoda, Analiese Corey, Ashley McPartlan, Michelle Fies, Amanda Mooney, Emily McNamara, Hannah Fischer, Colleen Kifer ***Third Row*** Jordan Anderson, Jamie Deja, Sarah Fehring, Kevin Spork, Julia Fields, Emma Slosser, Garrett McShea, Victoria Miller ***Back Row*** John Hulsey, Scott Farley, Jack Opilka, Xavier Pettis-Hofferth, Gage Knor, Alex Baker, Luke Shacklett, Kelly Mundy, Niki Kamalipour

American Sign Language

Front Row Deanna McPartlan, Danielle Szewka, Danielle Oberman, Kelsey Lynch, Megan Spence, Miranda Guerrero, Tatiana Cruz ***Second Row*** Marymargaret Maloney, Claire LeMonnier, Mackenzie Portone, Haley Collison, Michaella Lorenz, Molly Gish, Nia Clark, Katie Bobalik ***Third Row*** Kaley Regan, CJ Nunez, Sarah Webster, Cassidy Shwartz, Ariana Chioros, Jamie Whiting, Casey Boelt ***Back Row*** Bradley Hargrove, Stephen Spence, Peter Panos, Hannah Bailey, Alissa Kowalski, Jenna Zubik, Maui Evans, Chloe Salisbury

Art Club

First Row Eleni Georgalas, Paige Puplava, Zoe Munoz, Amanda Milojkovitch, Clara Kopacz, Aiszah Rangel, Savannah Shaver, Sydney Kaplan ***Second Row*** Megan O'Brien, Megan Zabrecky, Lily Warren, Alexis Monthie, Christina Sanchez, Lauren Florek, Claudia Lopez ***Third Row*** Carlos Douglas, Kim Szymkowski, Megan Stone, Jordan Anderson, Kevin Spork, Tony Delgado, Julia Torres ***Back Row*** Sam Wagner, Conor Taylor, Joseph Kmak, Shawn Gish, Blessing Ibikunle-Salami, Amber Grove, Anna Whitney, Jocelyn Rivera

How has your perspective of the club changed since joining?

Art Club

First Row Shandan Johnson, Veronica Casillas, Kelli Webb, Samantha Chua, Vrusha Patel ***Back Row*** Anna Gambetta, Michale DeLong, Shivani Dighamber, Tori Foster, Chloe Wineinger, Shawn Heritage

"I thought it would be a lot of coloring. It was a lot more hands on than I thought it would be." - Michale DeLong, sophomore

Auditorium Staff

First Row Chelsea Eickleberry, Daniel Cappo, Lauren Florek, Jenna Cappo, Shanna Klisser, Camille Jancosek ***Second Row*** Caitlin Fitch, Amy McDunn, Kevin Spork, Paige Mecyssine, Abby Kiesling, Leoncio Ortiz, Martina Trivunovic ***Third Row*** George Jurincie, Joe Hemingway, Christopher Cappo, Rachel Jamrose, Julie Chael, Rebecca Sendejas ***Back Row*** Joseph Gallagher, Ben Mecyssine, Jake Bobeck, Kevin Yurasovich, Mike Dellarocco, Hannah Fischer, David Kiesling

Best Buddies

Front Row Zahra Moreno, Anna Stooksbury, Maui Evans, Melanie Krueger, Jessica Flores, Lauren Mintz, Nick Redman, Christina Mendoza, Katie Kordeck ***Second Row*** Jacob Dragicevich, Melissa Tepperman, Allison Wisniewski, Jay Ramirez, Emily McNamara, Priya Shah, Judie Muhrez, Ishani Sharma, Amanda Milojkovitch ***Third Row*** Kylee McVices, Max Lawson, Anthony Skiba, Marty O'Shaughnessy, Courtney Zunica, Taylor Bandura, Hannah Fischer, Caleb Valent ***Back Row*** Blessing Ibikunle-Salami, Abigail Chronowski, Alyssa Chronowski, Arthur Carey, Eashan Kumar, Jesse Bruzan, Conor Taylor, Amanda Kvasnica, Robbie Dixon

Best Buddies

Front Row Sydney Kaplan, Abigail Wagner, Melissa Fronczek, Kaitlyn McHale, Danielle Oberman, Sam Bratton, Cassidy Schwartz ***Second Row*** David Parobek, Nick Franczak, Therese Capriglione, Vishva Maniar, Paige Bohling, Haley Collison, Mary Pugh ***Third Row*** Maureen Doherty, Priscilla Rivera, Sara Ladd, Olivia Bednarowski, Skyler Gronkiewicz, Melanie Mooney, Jolie Goldberg, Anaria Riggio ***Back Row*** Mallory Grim, Brittany Barajas, Megan Dato, Kate Rau, Justin Rios, Melody Le Van, Maya Montoya, Claire Bailey, Alyse Dittrich

Best Buddies

Front Row Emily Niaves, Ashley Breger, Elena Piech, Tatiana Cruz ***Second Row*** Levi Strickland, Belinda Oberman, Daniel Mitchell, Kayley Gruber, Angel Lovison ***Back Row*** Ruth Kurowski, Maritza Garcia, Erin Gallagher, Dana Handler, Samuel Zachary, CJ Nunez

Book Club

Front Row Anaria Riggio, Palak Patel, Roxie Pugh ***Back Row*** Mega Dafiaghor, Max Baker, Rebecca Sendejas

"I thought we'd read a lot of books and discuss them. I realized it was more during the moments you got to interact and meet new friends. Book club was amazing." - Palak Patel, sophomore

GROUP PICTURES

CEC, Freshman

Front Row Mariah Villaroman, Chloe Miller

"I wanted to join to help make a difference in my school." - Chloe Miller, freshman

CEC, Junior

Front Row Kathleen Gonzales, Ayesha Khan, Chetan Chauhan, Hayley Kwasniewski, Gillian Urbaniak ***Back Row*** Brittany Barajas, Allison Hemingway, Lawrence Gaines, Siddharth Divakaruni, Antonia DalleCarbonare, Laurissa Portillo

"I expected it to be more serious but I'm glad it turned out to be fun. When we were float building, it was really fun and I enjoyed bonding with everyone." - Hayley Kwasniewski, junior

CEC, Senior

Front Row Ariana Chioros, Nathalie Kauz, Kailee Loughlin, Sydney Gunty, Maria Karamichos ***Back Row*** Daniel Straka, Joseph Gallagher, Gabrielle Dore, Sarah Webster, Priya Shah

"I though it would be fun to set up prom. I realized it was more after going to meetings and seeing that you make decisions for the student." - Sydney Gunty, senior

CEC, Sophomore

Front Row Meena Kandallu, Maggie Anderson, Camryn Fary ***Back Row*** Serena Patel, Julia Torres, Julia Chael, Anisha Vavilala

"I always wanted to be a part of student government, but I never had the time to put myself into it. I always thought CEC was nothing, like they didn't do anything, but once we started the homecoming floats, I realized it was more that you could do." Serena Patel, sophomore

Chess Club

Front Row Perima Shah, Akash Shah, David Vogel, Christina Sanchez

"I expected it to be a fun activity. I still like it; it was still really fun. Yeah, I think it was more than what I expected." - David Vogel, junior

Civics Club

Front Row Mary Bridget Baeza, Dan Green, Laurel Curran, Serena Patel, Jacob Levy, Elizabeth Prado ***Back Row*** Lucas Newell, Andres Bedolla, Walker Hedgepath, Saam Mojtahed, Joseph Gardner, Jung Kim, Roxie Pugh

"I was waiting for Joey one day. They were making Christmas cards for Veterans, and I thought it was really nice, so I decided to join. Now that I am in it, I enjoy it. We do a lot of nice stuff for the community." - Mary Bridget Baeza, junior

Color Guard

Front Row Camille Jancosek, Jeanne Drwiega, Megan Spence, Shaniyan Kimbrough, Kelsey Lynch, Nicole Mammano ***Second Row*** Maya Rosales, Dailyn Mendez, Gianna Burks, Dream Swan, Asia Marshall ***Back Row*** Maria Karamichos, Martina Trivunovic, Abigail Jurado, Emily Whitaker, Briana Lopez, Angelica Small

Crier

Front Row Casey Gouwens, Alisa Munoz, Nicole Mammano, Meena Kandulla, Vrusha Patel ***Second Row*** Jordon Cockrum, Chelsea Eickleberry, William Hatczel, Victoria Avina, Cassie Eberle ***Back Row*** Gabrielle Dore, Lauren Rouse, Max Baker, Cesar Camacho, Ms. Sarah-Anne Lanman

"I had high expectations coming onto Crier, but it changed my life in ways beoynd words. Pub is my home away from home." - Alisa Munoz, senior

DECA

Front Row Rathnam Venkat, Josh Shalen, Sripad Kodukula, Vijay Narayan, Alexander Sotiropoulos, Sean Pruzin, Nikki Heiniger, Harry Goldenberg ***Second Row*** Will Benman, Conor Taylor, Amanda Kvasnica, Kelly Mundy, Catherine Tavitas, Gianna Fotopoulos, Gustavo Magana, Saptarshi Chakraborty, Saam Mojtahed ***Third Row*** Alison Frankland, Danica Obradovic, Anna Stooksbury, Konstantine Svolos, Jonathan Azar, Mine Dafiaghor, Alec Roquena, Luis Dominguez ***Back Row*** Walker Hedgepath, Eashan Kumar, Niko Ingoglia, Casey Terry, Akhilesh Mishra, Colin Richter, Akash Shah, Joe Yurek, Michael Portone

DECA

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DECA

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"My siblings were both in it so I kind of knew (what it would be like) but my expectations have been met. It was unique because it was not just competition but we also did activities that benefited the community and it was cool to see what other chapters did." - Emily Bochnowski, senior

GROUP PICTURES

French Club

Front Row Lane Terry, Siddharth Divakaruni, Chloe Miller, Collin Sroge, Elena Sroge, Emily Kanewski, Emma Nossem, Meredith Simmons ***Second Row*** Collin Sharpe, Marijke Van Dyke, Mega Dafiaghor, Vivian Reba, Nicholas Lundin, Abigail Kapitan, Tyler Keslin, Alex Kim ***Third Row*** Alexandra Sullivan, Abigail Jurado, Emily Whitaker, Alex Radowick, Luis Dominguez, Hannah Fischer, Shawn Mahoney, Hunter Standley, Megan Wilkens ***Back Row*** Niki Kamalipour, Patrick Burke, Ziyad Kraft, William Ault, Jonathan Zimmerman, Joseph Gallagher, Jacob Demeter, Courtnee Cruz, Ashley Talesky

French Club

Front Row Alexis Monthie, Megan O'Brien, Flynn LeMonnier, Krysten Leahy, Anna Bilse, Jesse Palma, Zaria Suggs, Amanda Milojkovitch ***Second Row*** Tricia Mae Tagamolila, Max Baker, Charles DeCesaris, Brooke Butler, Michael Velesovsky, Lily Warren, Cheyenne Marciniak, Alisha Gonsiorowski ***Third Row*** Melanie Krueger, Ashley Hwang, Bridget Caraher, Lauren Russell, Taylor Merkel, Shivani Dighamber, Olivia Kinat, Meredith Lee ***Back Row*** Jane Sannito, Steven Caraher, Diego Alanis, Julianne Roser, Antoine Van Dyke, Tim Krajci, Jackie Dye, Kevin Spork, Mackenzie Peirick

French Club

Front Row Cierra Uribe, Maggie Van Kleek, Matt Aquino, Maddie Foley, Anna Gambetta, Stephanie Patterson, Mary Pugh, Roxie Pugh ***Second Row*** Marcelino gonzalez, Brianna Dittmer, Khalehla Strong, Anaria Riggio, Claire LeMonnier, Anthony Smith, Nirav Patwari ***Back Row*** Laurel Demkovich, Julia Chael, Amelia Georgas, Emily Anderson, Maritza Garcia, Serena Patel, Tiffany Wang, Kate Rau

> "I joined this year. I thought it would be fun. It's what I expected. I really enjoyed the parfait party." - Maggie Van Kleek, freshman

French Club

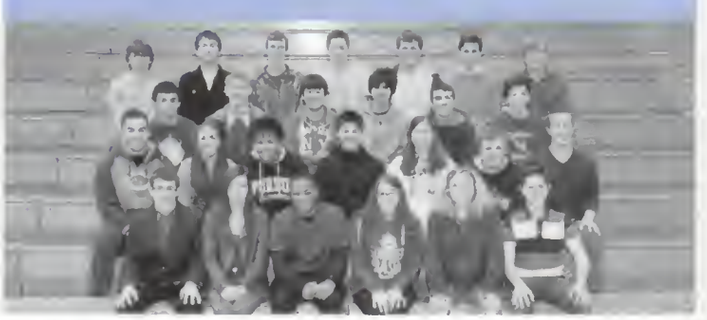
Front Row Nicole Mammano, Camille Jancosek, Jeanne Drweiga, Michale DeLong, Sugar Fane, Paige Sevald, Jillian Dixon, Kyra Marriott, Isaiah Woods ***Second Row*** Mia Torres, Gillian Urbaniak, Seung Lee, Pam Muangmingsuk, Elizabeth Della Rocco, Kathleen Gonzales, Allison Dinh, Lauren Koultourides ***Back Row*** Charlie Connell, Tannes Shmagranoff, Ally Szakacs, Caitlyn Knor, Domeneque Geron, Kimberly Wang, Elaine Zmuda, Katarina Ivanovic, Calvin Sanders

German Club

Front Row Shivani Dighamber, Michale DeLong, Ruth Kurowski, Brian Araya, Sami Bensema, Domeneque Geron, Ian Merkel ***Second Row*** Catherine Arndt, Nicole Smith, Daniel Cappo, Qionte Sullivan, Jenna Cappo, T.J. Wiess, Seth Weston ***Third Row*** Mike Jonelis, Matt Georas, Jeff Wieser, Katherine Long, Laurel Curran, Chloe Wineinger, Ryann Thompson, Tessa Faubion ***Back Row*** Eric Swingler, Matthew Cappo, Joshua Peters, Casey Terry, Andrew Grabelle, Josh Armstong, Thomas Speranza, Richard Hwang, Patrick Wu

> "I thought we were going to do a lot more activities this year and it would be organized. Not really, they haven't really changed. It's not organized because of the teacher changes." - Catherine Arndt, junior

Jazz Band



Front Row Matt Michel, Michelle Weller, Qionte Sullivan, Lena Storino, Noah Schlossberger, Jake Yalowitz ***Second Row*** Erick Alanis, Catherine Oesterle, Jesse Palma, Nolan Lomeli, Mary Strong, Jeremy Murphy, Garrett Zuck ***Third Row*** Isaac Brody, Joshua Morris, James Bieniak, Ziyad Kraft, John Karamichos, Lucas Milkovich ***Back Row*** George Asya-Broughton, Kayetan Wozniak, William Ault, Jonathan Lemke, Sean Hasse, Joseph Gallagher, John Kapitan

Marching Band

Front Row Adam Kulam, Cameron Singleton, Michael Buchalo, John Karamichos, Tessa Faubion, Abigail Jurado, Clayton St. Martin, Rosalinda DeLuna ***Second Row*** Emily Whitaker, Erick Alanis, Shawn Mahoney, Garrett Zuck, Mary Strong, Drew Adams, Elliott Fus, Milos Trivunovic, Hannah Fischer ***Third Row*** Luis Dominguez, James Bieniak, Erik Rhodes, Ziyad Kraft, Evan Fus, Ian Frankland, Luis Corral, George Asya-Broughton ***Back Row*** Joshua Morris, Kayetan Wozniak, William Ault, Arlo Detmer, Sean Hasse, Jonathan Lemke, Billy McDunn, John Kapitan, Matthew Cappo

Marching Band

First Row Lillie Cockrum, Lena Storino, Kelsey Lynch, Annie Phelps, Jhoanna Sadurde, Noah Schlossberger, Jonathan Herrera ***Second Row*** Daniel Cappo, Alex Reich, Leoncio Ortiz, Stephen Spence, Matt Michel, Michael Szewka, Caitlin Fitch ***Third Row*** Megan Larson, Deepali Patil, Brittany Lee, Heather Hemingway, Michelle Weller, Julia Chael, Dara Medina ***Back Row*** Nolan Lomeli, Qionte Sullivan, Catherine Oesterle, Jessie Palma, Lucas Milkovich, Isaac Brody, Ashwin Iyer, Jeremy Murphy

Marching Band

First Row Tatiana Cruz, Mia Bissias, Hannah Jarez, Dailyn Mandez, Samantha Berg, Morgan Albritton, Jeanne Drwiega ***Second Row*** Maya Rosales, Asia Marshall, Dream Swan, Jenna Cappo, Megan Spence, Camille Jancosek ***Back Row*** Delaney Mendez, Emily Hammermeister, Prabhneet Girn, Jake Yalowitz, Briana Lopez, Martina Trivunovic, Maria Karamichos

Men's Ensemble

Front Row Brandon Yager, James Han, Kevin Spork, Zachary Liesenfelt, Justin Moreno, Calvin Sanders, Casey Terry ***Back Row*** Steven Caraher, Jonathan Neeley, Drew Adams, Thomas Speranza, Daniel Straka, Elliott Fus, Jeremy Murphy

> "I didn't really expect it to be this fun. As soon as I joined, it was a lot better than I expected and didn't think I'd meet as many friends." - James Han, sophomore

Munster Theatre Company

First Row Rachel Jamrose, Ethan Courtney, Judie Muhrez, Emma Nossem, Bess Fary, Laurel Demkovich, Catherine Arndt, Lane Terry, Julia Chael ***Second Row*** Hannah Fischer, Elliott Fus, David Green, Eashan Kumar, Thomas Speranza, Rohan Chatterjee, Morgan Papesh, Colleen Kifer, Maddie O'Dea ***Third Row*** Casey Terry, John Kapitan, George Jurincie, Kevin Yurasovich, Nick Kiesling, Alex Jehara, Matthew Capo, Drew Adams Back Row Joseph Gallagher, Daniel Straka, Steven Caraher, Billy McDunn, Matthew Treco, Anthony Niemiec, Ben Mecyssine, Jake Bobeck, Jonathan Neeley

> "I expected it to be fun and it was; we really became a family over the years and became one big, lovely group. We were the only group where there wasn't a bunch of cliques." - Colleen Kifer, senior

Munster Theatre Company

First Row Anna Bilse, Hunter Ward, Leoncio Ortiz, Abby Pennanen, Shanna Klisser, Jenna Cappo ***Second Row*** Lauren Florek, Amy McDunn, Caitlin Fitch, Martina Trivunovic, Chelsea Eickleberry, Daniel Cappo ***Third Row*** Justin Moreno, Brianna Dittmer, Peyton Tinder, Claire LeMonnier, Kevin Spork, Omnya Zaman, Rebecca Sendejas ***Back Row*** Alyssa DeJoan, Alex Raycroft, Allison Hemingway, Maureen Doherty, Brandon Yager, Zachary Liesenfelt, James Han, Paige Mecyssine

Munster Theatre Company

First Row Tatiana Shinkan, Mariah Villaroan, Danielle Oberman, Jillian Dixon ***Back Row*** Hayley Kwasniewski, Hannah Witting, Amelia Georgas, Camille Jancosek, Therese Capriglione, Clayton Seput

National Honors Society

Front Row Alison Frankland, Elena Sroge, Rachel Markowicz, Emily Kaniewski, Priya Shah, Beckey Seligman, Valerie Niemiec, Morgan Papesh ***Second Row*** Kevin Yurasovich, Tyler Van Wieren, Milos Trivunovic, Hannah Fischer, Josh Shalen, Elizabeth Kloos, Danica Obradovic, Matthew Szala, Vijay Narayan ***Third Row*** James Bieniak, Luis Dominguez, Thomas Bolanowski, Joe Yurek, Niko Ingoglia, Alyssa Wojcik, Akhilesh Mishra, Colin Richter ***Back Row*** Mary Beth Blocher, Luke Wuchenich, Steven Caraher, Steven Rakich, Eashan Kumar, Jonathan Azar, Matthew Specht, Marty O'Shaughnessy

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Orchestra

Front Row Zachary T. W. Geron, Christina Devries, Joshua Ruiz, Laurel Curran, Vishva Maniar, Kaitlin Battista ***Second Row*** Charles DeCesaris, Daniel Soeka, Tessa Faubion, Molly Korman, Katherine Long, Anisha Vavilala, Anthony Zmuda ***Third Row*** Emily Kaniewski, Emma Nossem, Kayla Williams, Kyle Lee, Chloe Miller, Kyle Jen, Adam Richter, Patrick Wu ***Back Row*** Joseph Gallagher, Andrew Dorn, Vijai Dharla, George Jurincie, Seshan Devanathan, Joseph Olivieri, David Green, Alex Sotiropoulos, Elise Dorn

> "I was nervous. I joined when I was like 7. I was scared. I wasn't scared anymore after my first concert." -Clara Kopacz, sophomore

Orchestra

Front Row Ruhani Sansoya, Cecelia Zavala, Aarju Patel, Journey Westfield, Clara Kopacz, Maddie Sharmat ***Second Row*** Jhoanna Sadural, Noah Schlossberger, Priasha Iyer, Haley Moles, Elaine Zmuda, Kimberly Wang, Amy McDunn ***Back Row*** Sarah Tenta, Kayla Warner, Mackinzie Farnell, Safa Chowdhury, Saveda Majety, Brandon Cordero, Revati Kalluri, Rohini Kalluri

Paragon

Front Row Mia Torres, Elena Piech, Emily Niaves, Zahra Bhoy, Lauren Koultourides, Ms. Sarah-Anne Lanman ***Second Row*** Christopher Anguiano, Martina Trivunovic, Laurel Demkovich, Alisa Munoz, Gillian Urbaniak, Pam Muangmingsuk ***Back Row*** Simon Pirok, Alex Baker, Gage Knor, Madison Switalla, Serena Patel, Ali Bauer, Natalia Bilek

"People have no idea what we do. We create this book cover to cover." -Ali Bauer

Pep Band

Front Row Maria Karamichos, Martina Trivunovic, Jhoanna Sadural, Lena Storino, Catherine Oesterle, Daniel Cappo, Delaney Nendez, Jako Yalowitz, Tatiana Goutierrez ***Second Row*** Noah Schlossberger, Jeremy Murphy, Qionte Sullivan, Shawn Mahoney, Drew Adams, Elliot Fus, Mary Strong, Nolan Lomeli, Leoncio Ortiz ***Third Row*** Matthew Cappo, Luis Dominguez, Ian Frankland, James Bieniak, Clayton St. Martin, Michael Buchalo, John Karamichos, Milos Trivunovic, Hannah Fischer ***Back Row*** John Kapitan, Evan Fus, Kayetan Wozniak, William Ault, Jonathan Lemke, Garrett Zuck, Billy McDunn, Joshua Morris, Ziyad Kraft

Ping Pong Club

Front Row Anna Bilse, Khalehla Strong, Matt Georgas, Amelia Georgas, Gina Webber, Ashwin Iyer ***Second Row*** Patrick Marsh, Abigail Kapitan, Arthur Carey, Patrick Wu, Ajeyo De, Frank Zahariadis ***Back Row*** Isaac Brody, William Ault, Marty O'Shaughnessy, Andrew Dorn, Seshan Devanathan, Diego Alanis, Miguel Blakeley

Poetry Club

Front Row Jazmin Nevarez, Alexis Carrizales, Destiny Sabo, Aiszah Rangel, Seung Lee, Shandon Johnson ***Second Row*** Kevin Spork, Cierra Uribe, Claire LeMonnier, Molly Gish, Christina Sanchez, Leoncio Ortiz ***Third Row*** Rubin Escalante, Alex Samuels, Cameron Singleton, Zaria Suggs, Alisha Gonsiorowski, Pharez Israel, Marissa Bell ***Back Row*** Mine Dafiaghor, Marty O'Shaughnessy, Steven Pilipow, Levi Sasek, Nic Blackstone, Spencer Boerman, Kylee McVicker, Tyler Wood

"I thought it was going to be just girls and cliche poems but it was more slam poetry; the first meeting I realized that." -Claire LeMonnier, sophomore

Project X

Front Row Isabella Lappo, Julianne Roser, Lily Stooksbury, Obie Oniah, Brandon Andreason, Nikki Heiniger, Gianna Fotopoulos, Christian Poulos, David Green ***Second Row*** Alex Wisniewski, Aron Panas, Rachel Jamrose, Emily Kaniewski, Courtnee Cruz, Lara Natonski, Niki Kamalipour, Kelly Mundy, Lane Terry ***Third Row*** Joe Yurek, Harsh Jhaveri, Kylee McVicker, Kevin Fuhs, Jimmy Delis, Connor Manous, Michael Portone, Grant Rademacher, Konstantine Svolos ***Back Row*** Walker Hedgepath, Alex Megremis, Mine Dafiaghor, Sean Pruzin, Alex Sotiropoulos, Dillon Pierie, Ellie Dorn, Eashan Kumar, Emma Nossem

Project X

Front Row Amanda Milojkovitch, Gustavo Magana, Brittany Barajas, Natalie Vellutini, Erin Harvath, Conor Taylor, Khalehla Strong, Anaria Riggio, Mary Pugh ***Second Row*** Adam Richter, Michael Cuvala, Rachel Schoffman, Vivian Reba, Lindsey Bermingham, Haley Collison, Sebastian Weakland, Katy Arteaga, Liz Prado ***Third Row*** SKyler Gronkiewicz, Stephanie Vjestica, Tiffany Wang, Charles DeCesaris, Bala Chockalingam, Kyle Lee, Collin Sharpe, T.J. Wiess, Blake Gardiner ***Back Row*** Dan Green, Briana Crowe, Marymargaret Maloney, Jordan Cole, Alison Frankland, Stephanie Bulow, Caitlin Fitch, Dara Medina, Amy McDunn

"When I went to the first meeting and they explained everything, I realized it would be a really impactful experience." -Mackenzie Peirick, sophomore

Project X

Front Row Bushra Fatima, Nicholas Lundin, Jhoanna Sadural, Jordan Cockrum, Nicole Mammano, Elena Piech ***Second Row*** Jessica Pazik, Kimberly Wang, Ariana Chioros, Melissa Tepperman, Allison Wisniewski, Morgan Kaptur, Maggie Gerber ***Third Row*** Madolyn Foley, Mary Kate Pruzin, Milissa Fronczek, Palak Patel, Ruhani Sansoya, Allison Dinh, Shivani Dighamber, Michale DeLong ***Back Row*** Lexi Chipules, Mariah Vargas, Priasha Iyer, Maritza Garcia, Megan O'Brien, Sean O'Brien, Nirav Patwari, Mackinzie Farnell, Alyssa DeJoan

> "I expected mostly a lot of hard work centered around the school. For one of our volunteering opportunities, we had to help with the elderly and I realized how grateful people were." - Nirav Patel, freshman

Project X

Front Row Lauren Wenzel, Kelli Webb, Caia Trykall, Sugar Fane, Ani Arzumanian, Michael Marich ***Second Row*** Casey Boelt, Priscilla Rivera, Maureen Doherty, Kailey Potts, Ally Szakacs, Lauren Koultourides ***Back Row*** Claire Svoboda, Arielle Crowe, Therese Capriglione, Anna Riggs, Mackenzie Portone, Mackenzie Peirick, Gillian Urbaniak

Robotics

Front Row Leoncio Ortiz, Jenna Cappo, Nick Eliopoulos, Ariana Beres, Sami Bensema, Domeneque Geron, Ian Merkel ***Second Row*** Michelle Weller, Caitlin Fitch, Omnya Zaman, Chufan Gao, Hunter Ward, Daniel Cappo, Peyton Puckett ***Third Row*** Matthew Cappo, James Bieniak, Ernest Hemingway, Liam Gallagher, Ana Johnson, Zack Keslin, Alyssa Comer ***Back Row*** Marty O'Shaughnessy, Ben Mecyssine, Jake Bobeck, George Asya-Broughton, Josh Allard, Andy Riddle, Jacob Powers, Joshua Peters

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First Row Anna Bilse, Jacob Opat, Priya Shah, Conor Taylor, Natalie Vellutini, Maui Evans, Melanie Krueger, Erin Gallagher, Cayla Bales ***Second Row*** Sam Wagner, Briana Crowe, Mary-margaret Maloney, Catherine Tavitas, Amelia Georgas, Lane Terry, Lauren Russell, Maria Sirounis, Luke Hackett ***Third Row*** Gianna Fotopoulos, Nikki Heiniger, Elise Dorn, Blessing Ibikunle-Salami, Andres Bedolla, Jack Wulf, Julia Swibes, Kelly Mundy, Gustavo Magana ***Back Row*** Jimmy Eaton, Casey Terry, Rachel Jamrose, Marty O'Shaughnessy, Luke Still, Konstantine Svolos, Kylee McVicker, Niki Kamalipour, Lara Natonski

SADD

First Row Seung Lee, Roxie Pugh, Mary Pugh, Anaria Riggio, Bri'Ana Hudson, Esbeida Guzman, Lauren Wenzel, Kelli Webb, Tatiana Cruz ***Second Row*** Mark Montella, Ruben Shehigian, Brad Sikora, Sean O'Brien, Haley Collison, Kailey Potts, Jessica Pazik, Shivani Dighamber, Stephanie Bulow ***Third Row*** Emily Anderson, Amanda Milojkovitch, Megan O'Brien, Alexis Monthie, Caitlyn Knor, Ally Szakacs, Dan Green, Alex Wisniewski, Priscilla Rivera ***Back Row*** Jessica Flores, Jordon Cole, Megan Zabrecky, Mackenzie Peirick, Mackenzie Portone, Colleen Kifer, Hannah Witting, Ryan Larimer, Brittany Barajas

> "I expected it to be not as fun as it really was. I didn't think I'd have to do a poster so that threw me off. My expectations have changed." - Mark Montella, sophomore

Spanish Club

Front Row Therese Capriglione, Claire Svoboda, Arielle Crowe, Vishva Maniar, Anna Riggs, Stephanie Bulow ***Second Row*** Alexis Monthie, Erin Harvath, Serena Patel, Jill Osterhus, Amanda Osterhus, Mackinzie Farnell, Lauren Martin ***Third Row*** Anaria Riggio, Bri'Ana Hudson, Anna Stooksbury, Maritza Garcia, Amanda Milojkovitch, Jack Arnold, Mackenzie Portone, Cesar Camacho ***Back Row*** Blake Gardiner, Nick Ochoa, Carlos Douglas, Ashley Anderson, Lexi Chipules, Sebastian Weakland, Katy Arteaga, Megan O'Brien, Peter Kounelis,

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Spanish Club

Front Row Brian Araya, Savannah Shaver, Perima Shah, Elena Piech, Mariah Vargas, Zoe Munoz ***Second Row*** Emma Gouliaev, Gabriella Herrera, Lauren Wenzel, Kelli Webb, Palak Patel, Ruhani Sansoya ***Third Row*** Serena Marin, Lexi Starkey, Breann Ward, Bushra Fatima, Shandan Johnson, Porter Taylor ***Back Row*** Rebecca Sendejas, Dylan Goodman, Abbey Wagner, Cecilia Zavala, Dara Medina, Shivani Dighamber, Amy McDunn

> "I thought it was going to be a party, and it lived up to that expectation. The International Fest was a lot of fun and exceeded my expectations." - Perima Shah, freshman

Speech and Debate

First Row Garrett Zuck, David Green, Sean Pruzin, Dan Green, Alex Sotiropoulos, Sripad Kodukula, Kevin Fuhs, Maddie O'Dea, Emma Nossem ***Second Row*** Josh Shalen, Rathnam Venkat, Akash Shah, Calvin Sanders, Isabel Zuniga, Vijai Dharla, Ethan Courtney, Ian Frantal, Chetan Chauhan ***Third Row*** Rohan Chatterjee, Daniel Straka, Harsh Jhaveri, Rachel Jamrose, Casey Terry, Richard Greep, Niki Kamalipour, Viannea Villa, Akhilesh Mishra ***Back Row*** Joseph Gallagher, Walker Hedgepath, Jim Foster, Timothy DeRolf, Andrew Phifer, Eashan Kumar, Arthur Carey, Steven Caraher, Billy McDunn

Speech and Debate

First Row Emma Gouliaev, Bridget Caraher, Jake Yalowitz, Alexis Mason, Danae Wilson, Jacob Woods, Siman Khatra, Obie Oniah, Megan Wimmer ***Second Row*** Judie Muhrez, Vivian Reba, Haley Moles, Laurel Demkovich, Kelly Mundy, Nirav Patwari, Michael Szewka, Alyssa DeJoan, Alex Raycroft ***Third Row*** Henry Wolf, Jimmy Svolos, Rowell Irfan, Marymargaret Maloney, Catherine Tavitas, Elise Dorn, Lane Terry, Zoe Mintz, Sammi Buvala ***Back Row*** Madison Switalla, Cesar Camacho, Colleen Kifer, Morgan Papesh, Allison Hemingway, Harry Goldenberg, Maureen Doherty, Nick Siano, Jack Wulf

Speech and Debate

First Row Aditya Mishra, Avi Patel, Charles DeCesaris, Jacob Levy, Shanna Klisser, Brianna Dittmer, Lauren Florek, Hannah Witting, Brittany Barajas ***Second Row*** Alex Yao, Mike Yoniles, Patrick Wu, Ajeyo De, Rachel Kalbfell, Anna Whitney, Julia Chael, Peyton Tinder, Claire LeMonnier ***Third Row*** Lily Hasler, Anisha Vavilala, Jenson Huang, Qionte Sullivan, Chloe Zatorski, Claire Svoboda, Emily Wierman, Arielle Crowe, Stephanie Vjestica ***Back Row*** Melanie Mooney, Mallory Grim, Sara Ladd, Skyler Gronkiewicz, Jolie Goldberg, Matt Marcus, Melissa Tepperman, Ruben Shehigian, Kosta Karagan

Speech and Debate

First Row Maddie Foley, Sugar Fane, Kathleen Gonzales, Jill Ylo, Alexia Calderon, Allison Dinh, Bess Fary, Camryn Fary, Savannah Shaver ***Second Row*** Alexia Barraza, Therese Capriglione, Lydia Zheng, Meena Kandallu, Anna Riggs, Kyra Marriott, Isabel Nieves, Caia Trykall, Mary Katherine Pruzin ***Third Row*** Tatiana Shinkan, Mariah Villaroman, Mackinzie Farnell, Safa Chowdhury, Saveda Majety, Gurkiran Kaur, Rama Alsakaji, Elena Piech, Vishva Maniar ***Back Row*** Ruth Kurowski, Katherine Long, Cecilia Zavala, Patricia Cornejo, Abigail Pennanen, Jhoanna Sadural, Catherine Oesterle, Revati Kalluri, Rohini Kalluri

Speech and Debate

First Row Perima Shah, Michael Marich, Maddie Sharmat, Jillian Dixon, Lauren Koultourides ***Back Row*** Belinda Oberman, Judie Muhrez, Eashan Kumar, Danielle Oberman, Charmaine Connell

STAND

Front Row Serena Patel, Lydia Zheng, Miriam Mathew, Elena Dekker, Aiszah Rangel, Danielle Oberman, Tatiana Cruz Second Row Naiomi Velasco, Vishva Maniar, Laurel Curran, Emma Slosser, Julia Torres, Alexia Barraza, Mega Dafiagher Back Row Siddharth Divakaruni, Gustavo Magana, Steven Pilipow, Diego Alanis, Lucas Newell, Jamie Deja, Alex Sullivan

Student Government

Front Row Elena Piech, Perima Shah, Ally Szakacs, Lauren Wenzel, CJ Nunez, Jill Ylo, Prabhneet Girn, Lauren Koultourides ***Second Row*** Matt Georgas, Dan Green, Sammi Koufos, Mallory Grim, Melanie Mooney, Jolie Goldberg, Calvin Sanders ***Third Row*** Mackenzie Peirick, Nick Gauthier, Danica Obradovic, Nikki Heiniger, Adam Kulam, Rachel Kalbfell, Judie Muhrez, Anna Riggs ***Back Row*** Jake Ingoglia, Dillon Pierie, Eric Kalis, Milan Obradovic, Harsh Jhaveri, Eashan Kumar, Niko Ingoglia, Rohan Chatterjee, Peter Panos

Thespians

First Row Peyton Tinder, Julia Chael, Brianna Dittmer, Claire LeMonnier, Daniel Cappo, Chelsea Eickleberry, Lauren Florek, Hannah Witting, Camille Jancosek ***Second Row*** Martina Trivunovic, Maddie O'Dea, Allison Hemingway, Colleen Kifer, Laurel Demokovich, Morgan Papesh, Amelia Georgas, Catherine Arndt, Kevin Spork, Hayley Kwasniewski ***Third Row*** Casey Terry, Rachel Jamrose, Thomas Speranza, Kevin Yurasovich, Nick Kiesling, Hannah Fischer, Matthew Cappo ***Back Row*** Joseph Gallagher, Daniel Straka, Steven Caraher, Billy McDunn, Rohan Chatterjee, Ben Mecyssine, Jake Bobeck, George Jurincie, Drew Adams, Amy McDunn

We The People

Front Row Olivera Todorovic, Elena Piech, Ayesha Khan, Vrusha Patel, Prabhnet Grin, Zahra Bhoy ***Second Row*** Charles DeCesaris, Dan Green, Nathalie Kauz, Ishani Sharma, Mary-margaret Maloney, Harris Kouklakis ***Third Row*** Patrick Toth, Lucas Milkovich, Siddharth Divakaruni, Chetan Chauhan, Briana Crowe, Madison Switalla ***Back Row*** Jeremy Benedek, Joseph Gallagher, Mine Dafiaghor, Demetrio Ornelas, Alex Wisniewski, Catherine Tavitas, Sean Pruzin

"I've always been interested in goveornment and I wanted to be in abother competitive club besides speech and debate" - Sidd Divakaruni, junior

Women's Ensemble

Front Row Hannah Witting, Lydia Zheng, Amelia Georgas, Bess Fary, Kathleen Gonzales ***Second Row*** Peyton Tinder, Paige Mecyssine, Claire LeMonnier, Alex Raycroft, Lauren Florek, Brianna Dittmer ***Back Row*** Rachel Jamrose, Emma Nossem, Morgan Papesh, Colleen Kifer, Alison Hemingway, Maureen Doherty

Boys' Cross Country

BOYS' CROSS COUNTRY
OVERALL 9-6
NCC 6-0

Crown Point Invite	2nd
Lake Central Invite	1st
Griffith/Lowell	1st
Harrison Invite	6th
Andrean/Kankakee Valley	1st
Lowell Invite	1st
Highland	1st
New Prairie Invite	5th
Hobart	1st
Culver Invite	14th
Post Season	
Conference	1st
Sectionals	1st
Regionals	1st
Semi-State	6th
State	13th

Front Row Brandon Johnson, Scott Farley, Ryan Kritzer, Jimmy Murphy, Luke Heritage ***Second Row*** Tyler Keslin, Brian Banach, Kevin Fuhs, Ian Frantal, Matt Szala, Tim Chavez ***Back Row*** Coach Rick Sluder, Tommy Bolanowski, Theo Burgwald, Manny Lopez, Coach Aaron Brown

Girls' Cross Country

Front Row Emily McNicholas, Elaine Zmuda, Kaitlyn Bohling, Maya Montoya, Brittany Barajas, Kathleen Gonzalez, Jill Ylo ***Second Row*** Erin Harvath, Prabhneet Girn, Rebecca Karnezis, Isabel Nieves, Miranda Guerrero, Kyra Marriott, Gabrielle Ramirez, Meena Kandallu ***Back Row*** Coach Michelle Duffy, Coach Brianne Rubesha, Emily Wierman, Mallory Grim, Melanie Mooney, Maggie Anderson, Claire Svoboda, Anna Stooksbury, Coach Kyleen Nolan

GIRLS' CROSS COUNTRY
OVERALL 3-11
NCC 5-1

Crown Point 5-Way	3rd
Lake Central Invite	4th
Griffith/Lowell	1st
Lafayette Harrison Invite	15th
Kankakee Valley/Andrean	1st
Lowell Invite	5th
Highland	1st
New Prairie Invite	15th
Hobart	2nd
Culver Invite	20th
Post Season	
Conference	2nd
Sectionals	2nd
Regionals	4th
Semi-State	14th

Freshman Football

FRESHMAN FOOTBALL
OVERALL 5-3-1
NCC 5-1

Lake Central	14	14
Chesterton	7 <	8
Highland	26	6
Andrean	49	12
Morton	18 <	42
Griffith	40	8
Hobart	7 <	20
Lowell	13	0
Kankakee Valley	29	14

Front Row Porter Taylor, Daylin Townes, Christopher Gonzales, Michael Johnston, Jaylan Scott, Henry Stanley, Jajuan Cooper , Andrew Jumonville ***Second Row*** Sky Flores, Arris Yoniles, Michael Yoniles, Matthew Georgas, Issac Lush, Scott Fischer, Justin Gosheven ***Third Row*** Brenden Ristenpart, Brandan Andereasen, Zeck Clark, Brian Reynolds, Blake Gardener, Kenny Chinum, Peyton Puplava, Jesis Ghimava ***Fourth Row*** Jacob Artega, Jacon stribiac, Robert Blocker, Jonathan Cieslak, Greg Kokcal, Josh Marcinak ***Back Row*** Cristian Rearden, Nico DeCero, Coach Josh Herold, Coach Matt Kalwasinski, Coach Ryan Gardner, Andrew Opac

Varsity Football

Front Row Joe Jumonville, Adam Ostoich, Zack Pickett, Andrew Jumonville, Michael Johnston, Seth Gutwein, Jacob Helmer, Scott Fischer, Stephen Malloy, Matt Childs, Kyle Palmero ***Second Row*** David Osborne, John Hulsey, Sam Bell, Patrick Burke, Anthony Conroyd, Darrell Williams, Dom Lucito, Tyler Etter, Tommy DeCero, Steve Herndon, Sam Plate, Alec Roquena, Alex Mis ***Third Row*** Zac Rinehart, Jeffery Proctor, Greg Scherzinger, Randy Nava, Jonathan Azar, Tyler Fennema, Calvin Leick, Nick Powell, Tim Krajci ***Fourth Row*** Joseph Kennedy, Paul DeRolf, Dillon Pierse, Lawrence Gaines, Zach Kennedy, Sam Helmer, Kyle Hansen, Joran Dixon, Eric Svoboda, Austin Etter ***Fifth Row*** Patrick Marsh, Joe Olivieri, Niko Ingoglia, Kyle Wilkinson, Aaron Welch, Tyler Steapleton, Marcello Urhanowicz, Amber Kimbrough, David Paunicka, Jim Foster, Sean Wagner ***Sixth Row*** Casey Gouwens, Cathy Lebryk, Christian Eloisa, Eric Swingler, Sahib Singh, Miles Barilla, Logan Armagast, Joe Johnston, Ben Wanicki, Jordan Cistola, Richard Parra, Brenda Yepez ***Back Row*** Robyn Flanagan-Seels, Coach Matt Treco, Coach John Doherty, Coach Jason Grunewald, Coach Brian Vance, Coach Jeff Dixon, Coach Leroy Marsh, Coach Tom Largus, Coach Bob Shinkan, Coach Keith Madderom, Coach Ben Geffert, Coach Joe Helmer, Coach Andrew Monthie, Sarah Smolinski

VARSITY FOOTBALL
OVERALL 7-4

Lake Central	27	9
Chesterton	14 <	35
Highland	30	0
Andrean	27 <	41
Morton	14	0
Griffith	38	19
Hobart	44	24
Lowell	7 <	17
Kankakee Valley	48	28
Post Season		
Michigan City	21	13
Mishawaka	17 <	24

Girls' Golf

VARSITY GIRLS' GOLF
OVERALL 5-9
NCC 6-0

Lake Central Invite	4th
Kankakee Valley Invite	5th
Hobart	1st
Lowell/Griffith	1st
Kankakee Valley/Andrean	1st
Merrillville	2nd
Highland	1st
Lafayette Jefferson Invite	8th
Chesterton	1st
Post Season	
Conference	2nd
Crown Point/Hanover Central/Andrean	2nd
Lake Central/Highland	2nd
Sectionals	3rd
Regionals	6th

Front Row Morgan Kaptur, Hannah Curtis, Serena Marin, Jill Osterhus, Natalie Vellutini, Sara Ladd, Rachel Jones, Nicole Howard, Peyton Puckett, Ishani Sharma, Sydney Puckett, Coach Bill Smitka

JV Boys' Soccer

Front Row Mike Janelis, Jeff Stoll, Mark Montella, Chris Wolak, Brandon White, J.R. Bales, Thomas Beckman ***Second Row*** Nick Buell, Eric Salzeider, Tony Redman, Scott Fischer, Kosta Karagan, Yiorgo Karnezis, Jake Carlson, David Ortega, Gavin Tienstra, Camden Seput ***Back Row*** Mladjan Jankavic, Brad Sikora, Emmanuel Soto, Alex Baltsenberger, Emmanuel Campos

JV BOYS' SOCCER
OVERALL 10-3-2
NCC 6-0

Portage	9	0
Lowell	7	0
Kankakee Valley	5	0
Bishop Noll	5	1
Chesterton	1 <	2
Crown Point	4	1
Griffith	7	0
Merrillville	5	1
Warren Dc Lasalle	0 <	1
Highland	2	2
Zionsville	1 <	2
Guering Catholic	1	1
Andrean	4	0
Hobart	7	0
Valparaiso	3	0

MORE THAN RECORDS

Varsity Boys' Soccer

VARSITY BOYS' SOCCER
OVERALL 9-7-1
NCC 4-1

[illegible]	2		1
[illegible]	9		0
[illegible]	4		0
[illegible]	2		2
Chesterton	0	<	4
Crown Point	1	<	4
Griffith	2		1
Merrillville	2		1
Hobart	4		0
Zionsville Tournament	0	<	2
East Central	0	<	3
Andrean	0	<	2
Valparaiso	1	<	4
Post Season			
Sectionals			
[illegible]	8		0
[illegible]	2		1
[illegible]	2		1
Regionals			
Chesterton	0	<	4

Front Row Clay Arnold, Harris Kouklakis, Arturo Ortiz, Xavier Hofferth, Peter Panos, Kiriako Tsoukalas, Alex Courtney *Second Row* Brett Kautmann, Niko Kajmakoski, Sean Pruzin, Josh Shalen, Dean Svolos, Ricky Delgado, Jimmy Eaton, Max Lawson, Jack Arnold *Back Row* Steven Djuric, Austin Andello, Michael Portone, Demetri Georgalas, Dan Green

Girls' Soccer

Front Row Rachel Tarpo, Sammi Koufos, Sarah Webster, Courtney Zunica, Alyssa Wojcik, Renee Rumas, Kailee Loughlin, Itxel Carlos, Allyson Goodrich, Erin Gallagher *Second Row* Maria Sirounis, Lexie Lyons, Emily Johnson, Olivia Kindt, Melanie Krueger, Genesis Tienstra, Jessica Flores, Cayla Bales, Mackenzie Petrick *Third Row* Cami Kekelik, Lizzie Fies, Alondra Lopez,Talia Hughes, Sierra Falcon, Mackenzie Portone, Tannes Shmagranoff, Katla Cragne, Kayleigh Yaeger, Georgia Pappas *Back Row* Coach Valarie Pflum, Rachel Kalbfell, Meredith Lee, Brooke Newton, Saveda Majety, Claire Bailey, Shandon Johnson, Alexia Calderon, Emily Grunewald, Coach James Knesek

JV GIRLS' SOCCER OVERALL 11-0 NCC 4-0

Kankakee Valley	3	2	Valparaiso	4	1	MHS JV Tournament			
Hanover Central	6	0	Michigan City	11	0	[illegible]	4	0	
Lake Central	5	0	Highland	3	0	Chesterton	3	0	
Griffith	5	2	Merrillville	3	0	[illegible]	7	0	

VARSITY GIRLS' SOCCER
OVERALL 13-3-3
NCC 5-1

[illegible]	2		2
[illegible]	5		2
[illegible]	0		0
Kankakee Valley	1	<	4
[illegible]	3		0
NorthWood	1	<	2
[illegible]	2		1
[illegible]	5		0
[illegible]	5		0
[illegible]	3		3
[illegible]	9		0
[illegible]	5		1
[illegible]	1		0
[illegible]	3		0
[illegible]	3		0
[illegible]	3		0
Sectionals			
[illegible]	2		0
Lake Central	2	<	5

Boys' Tennis

BOYS' TENNIS
OVERALL 16-6
NCC 6-0

[illegible]	5		0
[illegible]	5		0
[illegible]	5		0
NC Invite			4th
[illegible]	4		1
[illegible]	5		0
[illegible]	2		1
South Bend St Joseph	2	<	3
[illegible]	5		0
Warsaw Invite			2nd
[illegible]	5		0
[illegible]	5		0
[illegible]	5		0
[illegible]	5		0
Fort Wayne Cantebury	1	<	4
Crown Point	1	<	4
Post Season			
Sectionals			
[illegible]	5		0
[illegible]	5		0
[illegible]	5		0

Front Row Trey DeLuna, Rathnam Venkat, Colin Richter, Patrick Toth, Marty O'Shaughnessy, Alex Wisnewski, Steven Rakich, Mike Rivich, Andrew Dorn, Arlo Detmer *Second Row* Billy Roser, Akash Shah, Flynn LeMonnier, Ben Marcus, Aleksander Balac, Alexander Soturopoos, Alex Samuels, Aaron Wuchinench, Matt Marcus, Marcus Levitan, Carl Hehemann *Third Row* TJ Weiss, Andy Che, Sripad Kodokula, Chetan Chauhan, Henry Wolf, Jensen Juang, Dylan Harish, Adam Richter *Back Row* Coach Sid Rothstein, Ajeyo De, Logan Rhodes, Coach Patrick Spohr, Coach Steve Lopez, Dylan Harish, Elliot Pus, Austin Klawitter

Regionals		
Crown Point	3	2
Merrillville	5	0
Semi-State		
Carmel	0 <	5

Freshman Volleyball

Front Row Emily Long, Kaitlyn McHale, Olivia Bednarowski, Katie Szakacs, Natalie Kuipers *Second Row* Megan Dato, Alyssa Chronowski, Brianna Mossburg, Abigail Chronowski *Back Row* Coach Jill Kaniewski, Coach Janet Wories, Coach Tracy Summers

Highland	2	0
Kankakee Valley	2	0
Andrean	2	0
Portage	2	0

FRESHMAN VOLLEYBALL
OVERALL 24-1
NCC 6-0

[illegible]	2		0
[illegible]	2		1
Lake Central	0	<	2
Griffith	2		0
[illegible]	3		0
[illegible]	2		0
[illegible]	2		0
Marian Catholic	2		0
Hobart	2		0
Crown Point Tournament	4		0
Highland	3		0
Kankakee Valley	2		0
Chesterton	2		0
Griffith	2		0
Bishop Noll	2		0
Lowell	2		0
Andrean Team 2	2		0
Andrean Team 1	2		0
[illegible]	4		0
Morton	2		0
Hobart	2		0

JV Volleyball

JV VOLLEYBALL
OVERALL 24-4
NCC 6-0

Score keepers did not attend games

"We played Valpo and last year they beat us 3 times, but they were very close games. This year the first time we played them, we beat them. It felt really awesome because we beat our rivals. I feel like it (the season) went really well. We beat a lot of teams that we lost to a year before. Before I really didn't connect with the team that much, but this year it was sad when the season ended because we got really close."

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Front Row Haley Collison, Maddie Foley, Eudora Negri, Alexa Olsen, Emma Trivunovic *Second Row* Alexis Baker, Coach Tracy Summers, Chloe Zatorski, Allison Hajduch, Marijke VanDyke, Lauren Adams, Janet Wories, Manager Patty Pfister *Back Row* Mega Dafiaghor, Coach Jill Kaniewski, Arielle Crowe

Varsity Volleyball

Front Row Tori Foster, Alex Sullivan, Toni DalleCarbonare, Blaire Barnett, Amber Caldwell, Emily Kaniewski *Second Row* Quinn Harris, Rachel Markowicz, Alexia Pitsas, Coach Tracy Summers, Shannon Farrell, Morgan Switalla, Elizabeth Kloos *Back Row* Manager Maureen Doherty, Coach Janet Wories, Coach Jill Kaniewski, Manager Patty Pfister

Post Season									
Sectionals									
[illegible]	3	0	Valparaiso	2	1	Griffith	3	0	
Lake Central	3	1	Elkhart Memorial	2	0	Lowell	3	1	
Highland	3	0	Mishawaka Marian	0	< 2	Wheeler	3	1	
Regionals			Crown Point	0	< 2	Andrean	3	0	
Crown Point	3	1	Kankakee Valley	3	1	Morton	3	0	
Semi-State			Andrean	3	0	Hobart	3	0	
Elkhart Central	1	< 3				Highland	3	1	

VARSITY VOLLEYBALL
OVERALL 34-4
NCC 6-0

Crown Point	3	0
Valparaiso	3	2
Lake Central	3	1
Griffith	3	0
Queen of Peace	2	0
Aurora Central	2	0
Walter Payton	2	0
De La Salle	2	0
Chicago Christian	2	0
Lowell	3	1
Homewood-Flossmoor	3	1
Marian	3	0
Hobart	3	0
Highland	3	1
Kankakee Valley	3	0
Fort Wayne Carroll	2	0
Roseville	2	0
Terre Haute South	2	1
Penn	0	< 2
Chesterton	3	0

Freshman Boys' Basketball

FRESHMAN BOYS' BASKETBALL
OVERALL 14-2
NCC 3-0

Crown Point	52	<	59
[illegible]	68		41
[illegible]	58		22
[illegible]	81		17
[illegible]	65		44
[illegible]	45		27
[illegible]	67		49
Chesterton	34	<	43
[illegible]	53		49
[illegible]	54		27
[illegible]	44		13
[illegible]	35		30
Highland Tournament			
[illegible]	37		33
[illegible]	36		29
[illegible]	60		32
[illegible]	30		25

Front Row Demetri Fotopoulos, JP Cieslak, Mike Jonelis, Kyle Buvala, Jajuan Cooper, Peter Kounelis, Henry Wolf, Jake Ingoglia ***Back Row*** Coach Jack Cudniff, Christion Taylor, Christian Cruz, Milan Obradovic, Jake Strbjak, Mike Madura, Jaylan Scott, Seshan Devanathan, Coach Gregg Luksich

JV Boys' Basketball

Front Row Danny Williams, Eric Picard, Connor Manous, Luke Pillarella, Trevon Hawkins ***Back Row*** Nikko Vasquez, Luke Hackett, Chris Wolak, Coach Jake Argenta, Antoine VanDyke, Danny Wieklinski, Dominic Giannini

JV BOYS' BASKETBALL
OVERALL 14-6
NCC 6-0

[illegible]	57		14
[illegible]	40		32
Hammond Morton	44		27
East Chicago Central	33	<	39
Lake Central	26	<	40
Penn	28	<	49
Columbia City	31	<	36
[illegible]	46		29
[illegible]	37		32
[illegible]	64		34
[illegible]	61		26
[illegible]	40		22
[illegible]	46		34
[illegible]	40		31
[illegible]	30		25
Gary West Side	36	<	38
Valparaiso	32	<	35
Chesterton	42		37
[illegible]	45		19
South Bend Riley	31		24

Varsity Boys' Basketball

VARSITY BOYS' BASKETBALL
OVERALL 20-5
NCC 6-0

[illegible]	68		27
[illegible]	63		49
Hammond Morton	61		40
[illegible]	59		58
Lake Central	38	<	47
Penn	68	<	79
Mooresville	77	<	92
[illegible]	62		30
[illegible]	78		49
[illegible]	61		58
[illegible]	89		34
Highland	81		43
[illegible]	65		41
[illegible]	90		58
[illegible]	79		59
[illegible]	59		55
[illegible]	80		54
[illegible]	57		56
Valparaiso	49	<	56
[illegible]	65		59

Front Row Kevin Schlotman, Drew Hackett, Luke Wuchenich, Sam Toth, Connor Manous, Mike Hayes ***Second Row*** Steve Herndon, Luke Hackett, Cody Grzybowski, Pat McCarthy, Nikola Mandic, Adam Ostoich, Austin Eiland ***Back Row*** Mr. John Doherty, Coach Gregg Luksich, Coach Mike Hackett, Coach Jake Argenta, Coach Ken Croner, Coach Jack Cudniff

Andrean	74		51
South Bend Riley	72		60
Post Season			
Sectionals			
[illegible]	71		57
[illegible]	57		48
Lake Central	37	<	53

Freshman Girls' Basketball

Front Row Cameron Kekelik, Gaby Ramirez, Christa Davis, Mallory Grim, Melanie Mooney ***Back Row*** Manager Patty Pfister, Genesis Tienstra, Olivia Bednarowski, Sarah Tenuta, Coach Brianne Rubesha

FRESHMAN GIRLS' BASKETBALL
OVERALL 8-7
NCC 3-2

Hobart	13	<	29
Lake Central	18	<	41
[illegible]	33		18
Chesterton	18	<	22
[illegible]	22		15
[illegible]	27		18
[illegible]	23		22
[illegible]	28		23
Chesterton	23	<	42
[illegible]	9	<	17
[illegible]	24		22
Portage	17		16
Highland	16	<	28
Valparaiso	25	<	26
Andrean	31		25

JV Girls' Basketball

JV GIRLS' BASKETBALL
OVERALL 12-6
NCC 4-2

Chesterton	15	<	37
[illegible]	31		28
[illegible]	33		15
Lake Central	13	<	50
[illegible]	35		28
[illegible]	27		10
Lowell	27	<	28
[illegible]	21		19
[illegible]	36		21
Andrean	30	<	33
Mishawaka	24	<	36
[illegible]	29		23
[illegible]	37		32
Valparaiso	26	<	33
[illegible]	49		9
[illegible]	30		21
[illegible]	56		12
[illegible]	41		19

Front Row Dara Medina, Meredith Lee, Nicole Howard ***Back Row*** Coach Patrick Spohr, Sierra Stepanovich, Abbey Kaptian, Jordan Szymanski, Manager Patty Pfister

Varsity Girls' Basketball

Front Row Natalie Vellutini, Dominique Schupp, Taylor Mihalic, Alex Abasi, Sammi Buvala, Maria Strounis ***Back Row*** Coach Brianne Rubesha, Coach Patrick Spohr, Melissa McCann, Megan Zabrecky, Madelynn Moore, Miranda Mihalic, Jordan Cole, Coach Mike Mikolajczyk, Coach Matt Backs

Post Season			
Sectionals			
Gary West	47	<	85

VARSITY GIRLS' BASKETBALL
OVERALL 8-13
NCC 1-5

Chesterton	47		41
Crown Point	32	<	59
[illegible]	84		76
[illegible]	30	<	88
Portage	47	<	63
Lake Central	28	<	56
Hobart	38	<	44
[illegible]	53		47
Lowell	41	<	48
Gary West Side	41	<	65
Griffith	35	<	43
[illegible]	53		49
[illegible]	43	<	79
Highland	55	<	58
[illegible]	75		67
Valparaiso	37	<	38
[illegible]	56		24
[illegible]	58		51
[illegible]	67		34
Kankakee Valley	56	<	65

MORE THAN RECORDS

JV Cheer

Front Row Emily Zellinger, Gabriella Herrera, Jillian Dixon, Dana Levitan ***Second Row*** Lindsey Bermingham, Mary Pugh, Anna Slosser ***Back Row*** Kate Rau, Khalehla Strong, Kirsten Chavez, Brittany Lee

Varsity Cheer

Front Row Kasey Luehrs, Briana Crowe, Ariana Chioros, Hannah Zaremba, Tessa Bales ***Second Row*** Sydney Gunty, Allison Wisniewski, Elaina Etter, Allison Stahl ***Back Row*** Katlin Kalemba, Gina Rice, Emma Nossem, Jamie Whiting, Alison Frankland

JV Dance

Front Row Makayla Woods, Allison Petro, Ani Arzumanian, Jordan Grinstead, Emily Whitaker, Anna Bilse, Maggie Van Kleek, Stephanie Viestica, Dylan Goodman ***Back Row*** Mary Katherine Pruzin, Melissa Fronczek

Varsity Dance

Front Row Jane Sannito, Sarah Sharpe, Leksi Gasich, Morgan Kaptur, Gina Catania, Catherine Tavitas ***Second Row*** Sugar Fane, Julianne Rice, Meredith Simmons, Maggie Gerber, Caia Trykall ***Back Row*** Kaitlyn Wiening, Jaclyn Dye, Skyler Gronkiewicz, Sara Wilson

Boys' Swimming

VARSITY BOYS' SWIMMING
OVERALL 11-3
NCC 5-0

Penn	58	<	106
Griffith	153		25
Munster Relays	1st		
Kankakee Valley	136		50
Valparaiso	118		68
Lowell	150		35
HSE Holiday Splash	3rd		
Highland Invite	1st		
Merrillville	137		48
Hobart	139		44
Highland	130		47
Lake Central	118		68
Post Season			
Sectional	1st		
State	13th		

Front Row Vinny Nieves, Jimmy Svolos, Julian Lagunas, Jack Wulf, Matt Dempsey, Armani Chavolla, Fred Beckman, Daniel Spencer ***Second Row*** James Beckman, Chris Snyder, Jake Comanse, Seth Weston, Joey Gardner, Zach Keslin, Jimmy Perino, Nick Lundin, Jeremy Gonzalez ***Third Row*** Andres Bedolla, Steven Nowaczyk, David Palacios, Chris Rhodes, Matt Specht, Daniel Straka, Collin Sroge, Diego Alanis ***Back Row*** Coach Cara Briggs, Logan Armagast, Alec Thompson, Coach Matt Pavlovich, Coach Bill Chappo

Girls' Swimming

Front Row Gurkiran Kaur, Sydney Kawalec, Charlene Cortez, Kristin Osborne, Audrey Mayer, Mary Bridget Baeza, Taylor Brant, Caitlyn Gilbert ***Second Row*** Megan Larson, Lauren Russell, Carly Kennedy, Siman Khatra, Abbigale Nauracy, Emily Lagestee, Morgan Lagestee, Emily Anderson, Hannah Dempsey ***Third Row*** Megan Wimmer, Nikki Smith, Student Manager Melissa Bermudez, Nicole Wakefield, Danielle Conger, Kaitlyn McHale, Taylor Merkel, Bridget Caraher ***Back Row*** Coach Jelena Gober, Coach Matt Pavlovich, Mary Beth Blocher, Lanie Sroge, Heather Hemingway, Allison Cunningham, Brigid McGinty, Maggie Vaitkus, Coach Bill Chappo

VARSITY GIRLS' SWIMMING
OVERALL 8-6
NCC 5-0

Penn	68	<	118
Hobart	146		39
Crown Point	81	<	105
Highland	137		41
Griffith	153		32
Kankakee Valley	140		46
Valparaiso	148		38
Lowell	147		38
HSE Holiday Splash	3rd		
Merrillville	126		49
Highland Invite	2nd		
Lake Central	126		60
Post Season			
Sectionals	2nd		
State	9th		

Wrestling

WRESTLING
OVERALL 2-7
NCC 2-0

Northern Indiana Challenge	10th		
Plymouth Invite	4th		
Traicoff Invite	14th		
Munstar Super Dual	2	<	3
Highland	Won		
Al Smith Invite	26th		
Lake County Invite	7th		
Andrean	Won		
NCC Conference	3rd		
Post Season			
Sectionals	3rd		
Regionals	8th		
Semi-State	9th		

Front Row Hunter Standley, Matt Torres, Chris Gonzales, Zeke Clark, Jason Crary, Rudy Magana, Porter Taylor, Cristian Patino, Josh Marciniak ***Second Row*** Coach Dan Gelarden, Jeremy Sarnowski, Sam Schuler, Eliott Maul, Adis Bradaric, Joseph Kmak, Reggie McKenney, Michael Jackson, Zach Slosser, Coach Jordan Cooper ***Back Row*** Vicente Misch-Ramirez, Zack Eismin, Ryan Glasen, Dylan DeYoung, Adam Kulam, Tim Wieser, Isaac Luehrs, Sky Flores

Freshman Baseball

Front Row Reid Miller, Logan Demkovich, Andrew Opat, Andrew Jumonville, C.J. Gloff ***Second Row*** Coach Mike Mikolajczyk, Hunter Zukley, Vicente Misch-Ramirez, Alex Baltensberger, Logan Rhodes, Brandon Boilek ***Back Row*** Shane Smolinski, Brandon Glasen, Mike Madura, Jake Strbjak, Joshua Brann

FRESHMAN BASEBALL
OVERALL 6-8
NCC 3-1

[illegible]	12		2
Highland	1	<	11
Crown Point	2	<	7
Crown Point	4	<	14
Chesterton	4	<	11
Highland	12		2
Lake Central	6	<	9
Boone Grove	12		0
Michigan City	10		0
Crown Point	1	<	6
Crown Point	5	<	6
Hobart	10		0
Lincoln-Way East	4	<	5
McCutcheon	12		0

JV Baseball

JV BASEBALL
OVERALL 13-6
NCC 9-3

Lake Central	2	<	6
Crown Point	8	<	16
Hobart	9		2
Hobart	11		6
[illegible]well	6		1
[illegible]well	6		5
Morton	19		2
[illegible]	1		0
Kankakee Valley	13		3
Kankakee Valley	14		1
[illegible]ng	14		1
Highland	3	<	6
Highland	16		8
Andrean	0	<	10
Boone Grove	11		0
Highland	5	<	8
[illegible]well	5		3
[illegible]ffith	13		3
Lake Central	1	<	5

Front Row Mikael Brozovic, Zach Kall, Nick Gauthier, Luke Pillarella, Aaron Welch ***Second Row*** Coach Matt Backs, Ruben Shehigian, Alex Mis, Seth Tucker, Richard Parra, Jacob Lyza ***Back Row*** Kyle Palermo, Patrick Marsh, Matt Childs, Logan Armagast, Jordan Cistola

Varsity Baseball

Front Row Patrick Burke, Jesse Bruzan, Bret Miller, Thomas De Cero, Jonathan Azar, Grant Rademacher, Joseph Bryant, John Pitsas ***Second Row*** Michael Rivich, Connor Manous, Alex Del Rio, Joe Jumonville, Alec Skalka, Alex Coccia, Michael Szumlas, Nick Fromm, Brandon Tepper ***Back Row*** Coach Mike Mikolajczyk, Coach Jon Caddick, David Hladek, Sam Bell, Coach Bob Shinkan, Coach Jeff Rosen, Jacob Ahlf, Trevor Brooks, Coach Anthony Gomez, Coach Matt Backs

[illegible]ont Invitational				Gary West Side	15	0
Fort Wayne Concordia	9	0		T.F. South	6	0
Bellmont	11	9		Highland	10	2
Post Season				Highland	13	3
Sectionals				Andrean	6	1
Lowell	2	1		Portage	4	1
Mortan	3	2				
Lake Central	1	<	4			

VARSITY BASEBALL
OVERALL 24-4
NCC 10-2

Terre Haute South Cla[illegible]			
Mount Vernon (Posey	15		4
New Haven	6		5
Terre Haute South	4	<	14
Merrillville	11		0
Lake Central	8		4
Crown Point	12		7
Valparaiso	10		1
Hammond Clark	11		0
Hobart	1	<	7
Hobart	4		0
East Chicago Central	14		0
Lowell	4		0
Lowell	9		2
Hammond Morton	7		6
Griffith	4		1
Kankakee Valley	8		0
Kankakee Valley	4		0
Griffith	14		2
Whiting	10		0

Boys' Golf

VARSITY BOYS' GOLF
OVERALL 9-9
NCC 6-0

Legends Preview	18th			
Lake Central	175	<	166	
Highland	175		177	
Chesterton	171		171	(47-49)
Highland	168		190	
Portage	159	<	159	(42-46)
Griffith	167		193	
Boone Grove	165		174	
Kankakee Valley	171		193	
Rensselaer Invite	4th			
Andrean	169		174	
Hobart	172		189	
Crown Point Invite	5th			
[illegible]well	161		183	
Lake Central Invita	5th			
NCC Tournement	2nd			

Front Row Michael Marich, J.R Bales, Vincent D'Angelo, Brandon Andreasen, John Karamichos, Roshan Tilva, Nick Enochs ***Back Row*** Blake Gardiner, Drew Hackett, Luke Wuchenich, Matt Specht, Kyle Wilkinson, Adam Wories, Coach Bill Smitka

Post Season	
Sectionals	3rd
Regionals	10th

Freshman Softball

Front Row Katelyn Stanko, Abigail Kiesling, Kyrie Brown, Genesis Tienstra ***Second Row*** Arianna Lagunas, Gabriella Richey, Katie Szakacs, Nicole Katalinic, Erin Maley ***Back Row*** Mary Ellen Gilhooly, Coach Kathleen LaPorte, Chloe Miller, Sam Zaborowski, Kirsten Chavez, Ashley McPartlan

FRESHMAN SOFTBALL
OVERALL 4-0

Crown Point	13	1
Crown Point	9	6
Merrillville	16	1
Merrillville	16	9
North Newton	19	1

MORE THAN RECORDS

JV Softball

JV SOFTBALL
OVERALL 16-4
NCC 8-2

Lake Central	9	22
Homewood Flossmoore	16	2
Portage	6	5
Bishop Noll Institute	18	0
Crown Point	8	7
Lowell	0	9
Kankakee Valley	23	6
Griffith	13	0
Hobart	5	6
Highland	2	1
Dunelend Challenge		
Lake Central	2	7
La Porte	10	1
Kankakee Valley	14	1
Lowell	4	1
Griffith	8	3
Hobart	5	1
Highland	12	4

Front Row Gabriella Richey, Kyrie Brown, Katelyn Stanko, Katie Szakacs, Nicole Katalinic, Jill Ackermann ***Back Row*** Coach Ron Moore, Mary Ellen Gilhooly, Chloe Miller, Sam Zaborowski, Melissa McCann, Brigid McGinty

Valparaiso	5	3
Chesterson	15	0
Lowell Invite	1st	

Varsity Softball

Front Row Jill Ackermann, Coach Beth Thornburg, Nicole Howard ***Second Row*** Kelsie Kasper, Amanda Osterhus, Melissa McCann, Madelynn Moore, Paige Kwasigroch, Michaella Lorenz, Coach Dan Simms ***Third Row*** Coach Tom Dejulio, Tegan Murphy, Katie Gloff, Taylor Kotzo, Lizzie Della Rocco ***Back Row*** Cathy Lebryk, Sadie Conner, Gina Rice, Taylor Michalski, Student Manager Deanna McPartlan

Post Season			Eastern		
Sectionals			Carroll	4	3
Lake Central	1	0	Twin Lakes	13	0
Highland	8	4	Hobart	3	1
Lowell	6	5	Highland	4	5
Regionals			TF South	8	1
Crown Point	1	4	Valparaiso	9	5

VARSITY SOFTBALL
OVERALL 20-11
NCC 9-3

Lake Central	4	5
Homewood Flossmoore	13	3
Portage	1	12
Bishop Noll	1	7
Andrean	4	3
Crown Point	1	15
Lowell	6	4
Kankakee Valley	6	7
Griffith	7	8
Hobart	15	5
Highland	4	1
Huntington North	0	10
Carmel	19	6
Brownsburg	4	2
Andrean	3	1
Illiana Christian	11	1
Kankakee Valley	10	0
Lowell	9	6
Griffith	1	10

Girls' Tennis

VARSITY GIRLS' TENNIS
OVERALL 12-5
NCC 6-0

Crown Point	0	5
Lowell	5	0
Warsew Invite	2nd	
Kankakee Valley	5	0
Highland	5	0
Carmel Invite	3rd	
Lake Central	5	0
Hobart	5	0
Andrean	5	0
Griffith	4	1
Culver Military Academy	1st	
Chesterton	5	0
South Bend St. Joe	1	4
Valparaiso	4	1
Plymouth	5	0
Post Season		
Sectionals	1st	
Regionals	2	3

Front Row Sydney Pucket, Anisha Vavilala, Anna Riggs, Kaylynn Gruber, Kasey Kulesa, Jessica Rooth, Melissa Tepperman, Nikki Heiniger, Danica Obradovic, Sara Ladd ***Second Row*** Sara Shah, Shriya Das, Caitlyn Knor, Alexis Monthie, Coach Patrick Spohr, Coach Sid Rothstein, Coach Dave Cafmeyer, Perima Shah, Anisha Kondamuri, Julia Chael, Lily Stooksbury ***Third Row*** Aarju Patel, Allison Dinh, Melissa Fronczek, Maddy Purcell, Gaby Ramirez, Palak Patel, Journey Westfield, Vishva Maniar ***Back Row*** Student Manager Sugar Fane, Student Manager Lysette Garcia, Student Manager Lauren Mosley

Boys' Track

Front Row Shawn Gish, Erick Alanis, John Flores, Calvin Sanders, Saam Mojtahed, Eashan Kumar, Jeff Wieser, Ryan Brickman, Tommy Bolanowski ***Second Row*** Tim Chavez, Tyler Keslin, Brian Banach, Arthur Carey, Gage Knor, Hunter Small, Isaac Gutierrez, Matthew Georgas, Ian Frantal, Diego Alanis ***Third Row*** Coach Ben Geffert, Jimmy Murphy, Daniel Spencer, Austin Klawitter, Kyle Jen, Nick Bleza, Henry Stanley, Noah O'Mara, Cody Bertrand, Michael Jonelis, Coach Mary Kate Conway ***Fourth Row*** Casey Terry, Chris Charles, Brad Sikora, Cristian Eloisa, Zach Simic, Jack Warren, Miles Barilla, Matt Marcus, Lucas Newell, Michael Haddadin ***Back Row*** Student Manager Hannah Dempsey, Sean Wagner, Theo Burgwald, Ryan Kritzer, Manny Lopez, Scott Farley, Clay Arnold, Yiorgo Karnezis, Student Manager Gigi Urbaniak

VARSITY BOYS' TRACK
OVERALL 7-1
NCC 5-1

Andrean	103	29
Kankakee Valley	74	58
Griffith	102	30
Lowell	83	49
Highland	88	44
Hobart	64.5	67.5
NCC Conference	1st	
Post Season		
Sectionals	140	144

Girls' Track

VARSITY GIRL'S TRACK
OVERALL 11-1
NCC 6-0

Bishop Noll Invite	1st
Ed Woodrick Invite	1st
Puma Lake Central Invite	2nd
Andrean	Win
Hobart	Win
Highland	Win
Lowell	Win
Kankakee Valley	Win
Griffith	Win
NCC Conference	1st
Post Season	
Sectionals	1st
Regionals	9th

Front Row Anna Stooksbury, Elaine Zmuda, Elizabeth Kloos, Kaitlyn Bohling, Emily McNicholas, Lia Andreatos, Sydney Gunty, Kim Szymkowski, Itxel Carlos, Kristina Todorovic, Andrea Rodriguez, Olivia Askew ***Second Row*** Haley Collison, Toni DalleCarbonare, Olivera Todorovic, Casey Boelt, Kassandra Barraza, Carly Kennedy, Kathleen Gonzales, Amanda Kvasnica, Brittany Barajas, Zola Carter, Kristen Davidson ***Third Row*** Coach Cara Germann, Claire Svoboda, Dara Medina, Brooke Newton, Eleni Georgala, Samantha Buvala, Zoe Mintz, Abbey Kapitan, Lauren Adams, Emily Grunewald, Sydney Kaplan, Coach Rick Sluder ***Fourth Row*** Coach Tom Barnes, Cameron Kekelik, Ani Arzumanian, Megan Wimmer, Brittney Lee, Kayleigh Yaeger, Lexie Lyons, Emily Johnson, Maria Sirounis, Mackenzie Petrick, Jill Ylo, Maggie Anderson, Coach Brianne Rubesha ***Back Row*** Student Manager Miranda Guerrero, Ashley Anderson, Lexi Chipules, Claire Bailey, Melanie Mooney, Mallory Grim, Saveda Majety, Megan Dato, Gurkiran Kaur

MORE THAN A SCORE

Players shared their thoughts about memories and accomplishments that defined the season

"My partner (Lily Stooksbury) and I were playing a (tennis) match against South Bend St. Joes. The score was so close. We lost, 6-4. But we did awesome that day."

Carlyn Knor, sophomore Tennis

"Wrestling is a team and an individual sport. Jason Crary (freshman) went to state. We (the wrestling team) watched him during the first round. He injured his knee. He had to forfeit Sectionals, but got to continue to Regionals. He lost, but at Semi-State he won against the opponent he lost to at Regionals. As a team we watched him continue to State, which was awesome."

Zeke Clark, freshman Wrestling

"Winning three of our four last was a good way to end the season especially with a 12-0 win over McCutcheon. It was a good way to go out with a bang."

Logan Demkovich, freshman Baseball

"I feel like that meeting new people was the best. They would help me through each race. They supported me and gave me strategies to improve my time."

Gurkiran Kaur, freshman Swimming

"Definitely bonding with the team was incredible. I remember by the end of the season we had one last final run, called the Holiday Run. We had costumes on and ran to different spots. The bond shocked me."

Gabrielle Ramirez, freshman Cross Country

Mia Torres

From Paragon Editor-in-Chief to
IU's School of Journalism...
"Oh, the Places You'll Go!"
We are so very proud of you. Since you were a little girl you have always wanted to go, go, go! There was no stopping you. You were never afraid to try new things and go for it! You've never ceased to amaze us, and have become a remarkable young lady. We can't wait to see what great things you'll do at IU!
Love, Your Biggest Fans,
Mom, Dad, Julia, Evan & Alyssa

Harry Goldenberg

Congratulations, our amazing baby boy!
We are incredibly proud of all that you have accomplished in your high school career. But more importantly, we admire the brilliant, kind, humorous, dedicated, talented, hard-working and all around outstanding young man you have become.
Love, Love, Love,
Mom, Dad, Ben, Michael,
Layla & Gizmo

Cesar Camacho

Congratulations, Cesar, on all your accomplishments at MHS. We are very proud of you and wish you much success at DePaul University and beyond.
Love,
Mom, Dad & Stephany

Shannon Farrell

Congratulations on your academic and athletic achievements. We are proud of you. Good luck in the future.
Love,
Mom, Dad, Matt & Steve

Jamie Whiting

Congratulations, Jamie! We couldn't be more proud of you. Your best years are yet to come. Good luck at Purdue!
Love,
Mom, Dad, Emily, Eryn, Jeepers & Dempsey

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Courtney Zunica

Courtney,
It seems like yesterday that you were born and the next planning for college. Just remember, dream big, shoot for the stars and the galaxy will be yours. SPARKLE SPARKLE SPARKLE. We know you will.
All our love,
Dad, Mom, Briana, Connor, Bella, Sophie, Billy, Louie, Poseiden, Abby & Sally
(that's enough animals)
XOXO

Katie Long

Congratulations on all your hard work, Katie! You will do great at Converse College.
I love you,
Mom

Marko Lekic

Marko,
We are so proud of you!
You have worked hard toward your dreams and as you begin this new chapter of your life, we continue to support you and wish you much success!
We love you, Mots!! Congratulations!
Mom, Dad, Niko, Mama, Papa & Tio Mikey

Spencer Boerman

Spence,
I'm so proud of who you are and all you have accomplished. Let your "critics" be your motivators and continue to live life with passion, determination and inspiration. Attitude determines altitude so keep on climbing. Your "Camelot" is well within reach!
Love you,
Mom

Monday 10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Tuesday 10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Wednesday 10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Thursday 10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Friday 10:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.
Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.
Sunday Closed

Arturo Ortiz

Congratulations! We are proud of you. May God bless you & protect you in the U.S. Marine Corp.
Love you,
Mom, Dad, Martin & Mike

Sebastian Weakland

Sebastian,
Your future's so bright; you have to wear shades. We are so proud of you.
Love,
Mom & Dad

Caroline and **E**lizabeth Beckman

"How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world."
-Anne Frank
We love you!
Mom, Dad & Fred

Maritza Garcia

We are so proud and blessed to have you as our daughter. Remember always, "I can do everything through Him who strengthens me." -Philippians 4:13
Love, Mom & Roy

Chris Rhodes

Look how you have grown! We are so proud of all of your accomplishments.
Love,
Mom & Dad

MORE THAN JUST ANOTHER YEAR

From April 21-28, Paragon asked the student body in an online survey: At what moment was this school year more than what you thought it would be?

"At first, I thought high school was just a place where you learn a few new subjects and before you know it, you are ready to graduate. However, as I became more involved with my activities and spent more time around school, it became one of my favorite places to be. My teachers always treated me and my peers like real people, and they taught us valuable knowledge that we need in order to actually prosper in this world. Most of all, the friends I made here became family to me. In those moments, I was at my happiest; the memories I made here will be some of the greatest I'll ever have."

Haley Moles, senior

"An event that changed my perspective on the students at MHS was during the speech that was given at the Champions Together assembly; I've never seen the school so respectful and it was really a moment that everyone felt together."

Paige Mecyssine, freshman

Lia Andreatos

"Aim for the moon. If you miss, you may hit a star."
-W. Clement Stone
We are so proud of the amazing person you have become. We love you and wish you a lifetime of love, health and happiness!

Taylor Michalski

We are extremely proud of all your accomplishments. Watching all your dreams come true is the best gift ever. Best of luck at Boston College as you begin your next chapter of life.
All our Love, Mom, Eric and Eric II.

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Niko Ingoglia

Niko,
You have no idea how proud you make us. Not only because of all your accomplishments at MHS, but because of the wonderful young man you have become. We have always admired your values and your heart of gold. We hope that never changes. We know you will continue your hard work and dedication during your college years. We wish you continued success and happiness and are so excited to see what the future holds for you.
Lots of love,
Mom, Dad, Alex, Jake, Gabie & Chupe

Courtney Weinberg

From the first time we laid eyes on you, you never ceased to amaze and surprise us. Wishing you happiness and success at Ball State.
We love you!
Mom, Dad & Brandon

Bess Fary

Bia,
You have accomplished so much in your four years at MHS! And there are many more adventures awaiting you at Purdue!
Follow your dreams!
We love you!!
Mommy, Daddy, Giegie, Camryn & Noelly

Ricky Delgado

Congratulations on your accomplishments at MHS. May all your goals be met. We love you and wish you the best.
Dad, Mom,
Vero & Pepe

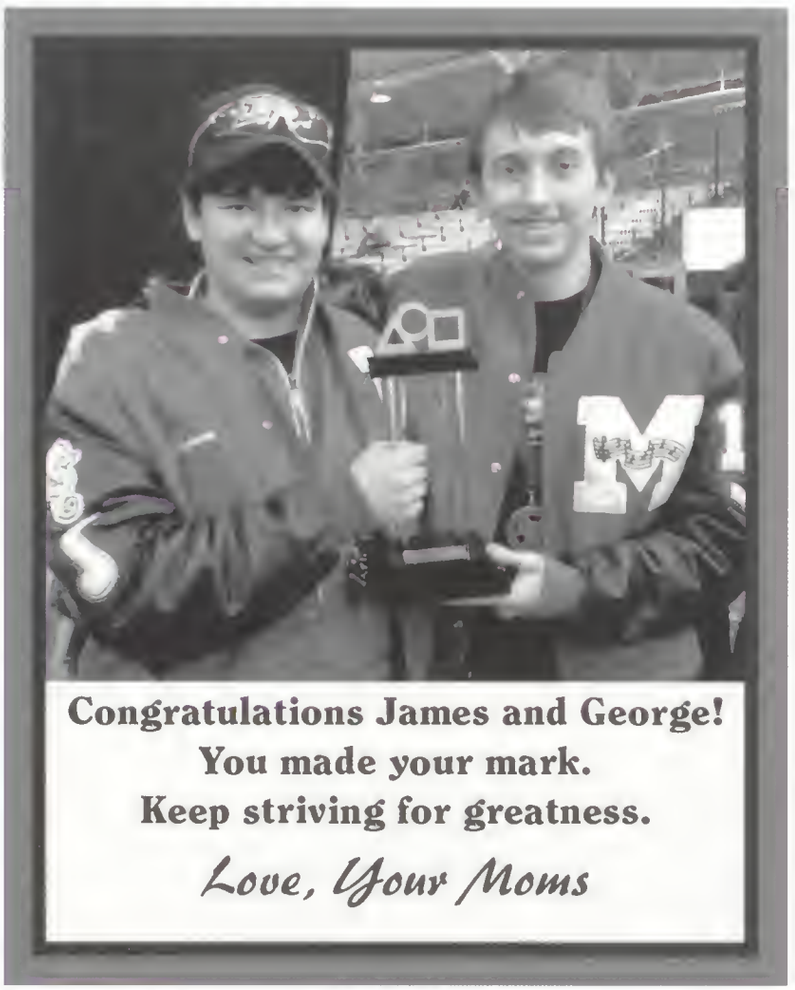
Allison Stahl

Allison,
You have become a beautiful, smart woman. Good luck at Ball State!
We love you.
Mom & Dad

Danica Obradovic

Congratulations, Dani!!
We love you and are so proud of you.
Good luck at Purdue
Mama, Tata, Milan & Sandra

James Bieniak and **George** Asya-Broughton



Congratulations James and George!
You made your mark.
Keep striving for greatness.

Love, Your Moms

Megan Stone

This is what we've been waiting for!
Two thumbs up now that you've graduated, so show the world what you got! You have a lot to offer: a warm heart, a loving smile, and a big attitude!
All of our love, now and always,
Mom, Dad & Melissa

Gina Catania

Gina,
Congratulations! We are so proud that you have grown into a well-rounded, successful, young woman. We know that the foundation has been set for you to move to this next phase and wish you the best at Purdue.
Boiler Up!
Love,
Mom, Dad, Christian & Bella

Colin Richter

So proud...

Congratulations on your countless accomplishments! Your dedication and strong work ethic has led you to another milestone. As you reflect on the past and embrace your future, always continue to develop your talents, help and inspire others, and be true to yourself.
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"This school year was a lot of fun; I was scared at first being a freshman but after a few days I felt like part of the student body. It was a really good first year."

Kayleigh Yaeger, freshman

"I met so many new people in the first semester which made the second semester better for me. I saw how the school really cares about the students, and the students care about other students."

Megan Dato, freshman

"Coming into junior year, everyone told me it would be the hardest year and the most stressful year all throughout high school. Although it is most definitely stressful, it is nowhere as near as hard as I thought it would be. Junior year has been actually the best year so far."

Nikki Smith, junior

"I've only ever heard that senior year is the best year. Now that I'm a senior, I can tell you that is wrong. From the time that you start writing your first college essay to the time you find out if that essay was good enough to get in, it is just pure stress. But once senioritis hits you and you know what college you're going to, that's when the fun begins."

Heather Hemingway, senior

Elaine Zmuda

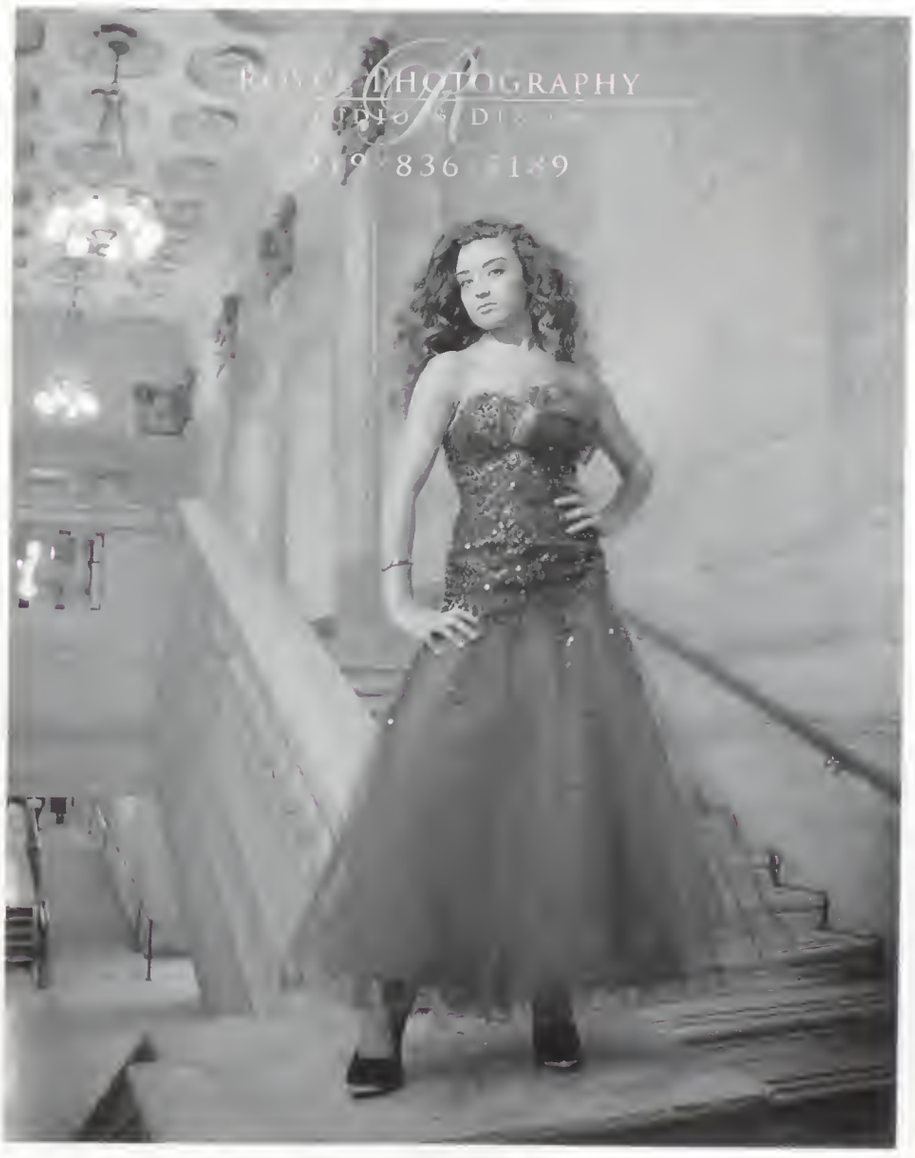
Congratulations, Elaine! You've made us proud and happy since Day 1. And we know you always will!
Love,
Mom, Dad & Tony

Maria Karamichos

Congratulations, Maria!
This was just the first of your many BUNS that you're famous for.
You'll do great in college and medical school! And remember Homer Simpson's three sentences that will get you through life: "Cover for me," "Oh, good idea, boss!" and "It was like that when I got here." :)
Love,
Dad, Mom & Yianni

Tanner Seput

Congratulations, Tanner!
May all of your hopes and dreams be realized.
We love you!
Mom, Dad, Camden,
Clayton & Maizie



Tori Miller

You are so amazing. We are very proud of you. From a little girl to a beautiful young woman in an eye blink. Wow!
Love, Now & Forever,
Mom, Dad & Tegan

Alyssa Wojcik

Dear Alyssa,
We are so very proud of you! Continue to strive for excellence- never settle for second best.
Congratulations!
Love, Mom, Dad, Josh & Jacob

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We are so proud of all your accomplishments. Keep following your dreams.
Love,
Dad, Mom & David

James Bieniak

My Favorite Son,

You are destined to go places.
May the force be with you.
Love, Your Favorite Mom

2013-2014 Mustang Ice Hockey Team

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Spencer Boerman

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Eric Kalis

Tyler Mehay

Eamon Riley

Nick Soy

Joe Ruffalo

MORE THAN JUST ANOTHER YEAR

"When I won first place at DECA Districts and then third at State. I qualified for Internationals for the first time. This made me realized that if you really want something, you'll do anything to achieve that goal."

Sara Shah, sophomore

"Standing on Lucas Oil Field back in October for the third year in a row, realizing that I am making a lasting legacy at my high school and that I only have one year left to make do of every minute and opportunity I have."

Clayton St Martin, junior

"This school year was more than I thought it would be when the Girls' Track team defeated Kankakee Valley by a large amount when we went into the meet thinking we would have to work extremely hard to beat them. It was amazing to see the team work together as one, despite the individual events, to defeat KV and uphold our conference record that we've had over the years."

Kimberly Szymkowski, senior

Allison Wisniewski

The world is your canvas and your imagination and talent will paint your future. May all your dreams come true!
We love you,
Mom, Dad, Alex & Adam

Sammi Koufus

Congrats to all! - Class of 2014

Hey Sammi Girl,
Thanks for being such a beautiful daughter inside and out! You always bring laughter everywhere you go! Best of luck! You are the best!!
Love & Hugs,
Dad, Mom, Sophie, Emily & Olivia

Dayna Van Woert

Congratulations Dayna!!!!
We are so proud of you!!
Always keep learning,
growing and believing
in yourself. Follow your
dreams and passions
and make sure to enjoy
yourself along the way.
Love you,
Mom, Dad, Jacob, Winnie
& Bella

Chloe Salisburg

Chloe,
We have watched you
grow from an adorable
little girl, into a beautiful,
free-spirited young lady.
Great things await you
and nothing can stop
you now.
Love you Sunshine,
Father & Mother

Paige Puplava

Dear Paige,
Watching you grow up from this
wild and crazy girl to the elegant,
sophisticated woman you are
today has been an absolute joy.
We are so proud of you and all
that you have accomplished.
Keep reaching for the stars and
we wish you the best of luck at
IU-Bloomington.
We love you!
Mom, Dad & Peyton

Brandon Yager

Dear Brandon,
Words cannot express how proud we are of
you for all of your accomplishments.
With all your talents, you will be the best of
the best as an Electrical/Computer Engineer
at Purdue University. You Rock!
Love,
Dad, Mom, Glacie & the rest of your family

Akash Shah

Dear Akash,
Congratulations on your well-earned success! You have made us extremely proud with your sincere determination and serious efforts. We wish you luck for a bright future and a successful career.
Love,
Mom, Dad & Peri

Tommy Bolanowski

Your athletic career is only overshadowed by your academic achievements.
Wishing you continued success.
Love you,
Mom, Dad, Carli, Haley & Izzy

Emily McNicholas

We love you,
Em! Go Green,
Go White!
Mom, Dad,
Matth & Michael

Amanda Milojkovitch

Dear Amanda,
I remember your first day of kindergarten (2001), and remember your beautiful smile as you waved goodbye to me! Now it's 2014, and soon you will be at Purdue University. Time goes by very quickly, so make the most of each day. Surround yourself with people who will enhance your life! Keep smiling, stay healthy. We are so proud of you and excited to see what your future holds! May God always be with you.
We love you, Amanda!
Mom, Dad & Emily

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Band Seniors

Thank You 2014 Band Seniors
for helping make school history!
2012-2013 School Year Munster High School is one of only five in the State with both Marching Band and Concert Band State Finalists.
2013 Marching Mustangs 3-peat State Finalist-highest scores ever-8th
2012 Marching Mustangs Repeat State Finalist- highest finish ever-8th
2011 Marching Mustangs State Finalist for the first time ever-10th
2010 Marching Mustangs State Semi-Finalist for the first time ever
2011-2013 Wind Ensemble Concert Band-Three Year State Finalist
2012-2014 Symphonic Concert Band-Three Year ISSMA Gold Rating
May you all have continued success!
Munster Band Backers
Erik Rhodes
John Kapitan

MORE THAN JUST ANOTHER YEAR

"Well, last year I could only fit 24 grapes in my mouth, but this year I managed to fit 26. That is when I knew I made it."

Nikki Heiniger, junior

"When Mr. Melby first started here, I kind of hated him because he was always so happy and excited in the morning and at 6:30 a.m., I just wasn't ready for that kind of blatant optimism. But after a while, I started to warm up to him because I realized he wasn't being happy and pumped up for the day just because he was required to or because he just wanted to seem like that, but he really actually wants to just cheer us up."

Chelsea Eickleberry, junior

"I'd probably say that point where you realize that this is it. You realize that the people you see everyday will soon be gone. The hallways that once seemed so big have now become small. That the next chapter is standing there in front of you, and all it takes is a turn of the page, and everything before now becomes memories. That the transition has begun. From high school student, to civilized citizen, the future is finally here."

Spencer Boerman, senior

Taylor Bandura

During my journey through Munster High School, I have been blessed to have so many great people always there to help me. Thank you to Miss Teresa Needles, all my teacher aides, peer helpers, bus drivers and my fellow students who have all made Munster High School the truly special place that it is!
Taylor Bandura
MHS Class of 2014

Nicole Mammano

Mommy's sweet angel. Daddy's Nikki-pooh. You've grown into a beautiful young lady. Accomplished, creative, intelligent, innovative and strong. Congratulations on all of your achievements. We are very proud of you and thank God for you every day.
We love you,
Mom & Dad

Alexis Monthie

I am so proud of all you have conquered in high school. Continue with your dreams on your next path in college. Congratulations, my beautiful baby!
Love,
Mommy & Andrew

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Demetri Delis

Demetri,
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Love,
Mom, Dad & Maria

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For **Colleen**

I treasure this yearbook because it marks the last year spent with you. Not a day goes by where I don't think of you and remember your wonderful laugh and beautiful smile. I have never known anyone who loved living life to the fullest as much as you did. You have impacted so many people's lives and I am confident that your story will affect the world. I love you so much my darling. You will forever and always be in my heart.
-Allison Hemingway-

You are my sunshine, my only sunshine, you make me happy when skies are grey, you never know dear, how much I love you, please don't take my sunshine away." We will continue to spread your sunshine and make this world a little bit better. Hope we are making you proud, Coll. My biggest hope is that when people look back and read this yearbook, there will be a cure. We won't give up till that comes. Love you to heaven and back.
-Dana Handler-

I'm writing my heart for all the students who couldn't. If every person whose life you touched got a chance to express it here, the book would be all purple hearts; you're just that amazing. I consider it a privilege to be able to say I've known you half my life. Thank you for being my first Munster friend and a friend to so many others.
I love you baby girl.
Maddie Switalla-

I hope that if you think of me up there, you remember all of the wonderful memories we shared. I'm happy that you get to spend your days watching us from the best place, even if it's not here with me. I miss you and love you so much.
-Kathleen Gonzalez-

I'm thinking about you everyday
I wish you were here so we could
be making all our summer plans.
I love and miss you so much.
-Maddy Purcell-

The good really do die young.
You left your impact on this school,
this community, this world, and
without a doubt, on me.
Breathe easy, Coll.
-Austin Eiland-

Colleen,
you're such an amazing
friend and person.
I love and miss you.
-Maggie Gerber-

Colleen,
It is beyond amazing how
you have inspired me and everyone
who has ever met you. Your presence
can light up someone's day and
your determination will
affect us forever.
-Conor Taylor-

I love and miss you, Coll.
Breathe easy up there.
-Meredith Simmons-

You don't know how lovely you are.
Your love, giggly smile and perseverance changed lives and gave us all something beautiful to remember. You sure changed mine. You are always on my mind, pretty girl, and I miss you so much. I'll hold down the fort at the pool.
For you, Coll. Breath easy.
-Gillian Urbaniak-

Colleen, you are absolutely incredible.
You are the strongest person I know who
overcomes obstacles with determination, God,
and that beautiful smile of yours! Stay
strong, and I love you!
-Brittany Barajas-

Hey darling. You were the strongest person I've ever know and the bestest friend I could ever ask for. Words can't even explain how much I miss you and I would give anything to hear your laugh and your voice again. I love you to the moon and back baby girl.
Breathe easy.
-Miranda Guerrero-

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▲ AFTER THE PUB BANQUET, the Paragon staff poses for a selfie in front the fountain next to Café Borgia. "I really just wanted to take an Ellen-style selfie like she did at the Oscars," Martina Trivunovic, junior, said. "In a way, the banquet was like our own little mini-Oscars, and ending it like that made it seem as special." ▲ FROWNING AT HER FROSTING-COVERED HAND. Editor-in-Chief Mia Torres, senior, feels saddened by the fact that the cupcakes she made for junior Alex Baker's birthday had tipped over during her car ride to school. Meanwhile, Alex finds the situation comical. ▶ ILLUMINATI SYMBOL LOOMING IN THE BACKGROUND. the Paragon staff takes their staff photo, the first to be added above the entrance to Pub.

COLOPHON

Walking into N155 at the beginning of the year, the 2013-2014 *Paragon* staff members were clueless as to what defined their year. With the Illuminati on their side, they realized it was triangles. Armed with only demon repellent, Alisa's Jesus shirts and a cat-loving adviser, the staff went to work on *Paragon* Volume 49.

The year's first deadline took place on Friday the 13th, which coincidentally was also the date of Beyoncé's secret album release. (If that's not a sign, what is?) During deadline week the staff spent hours on end in front of their Mac screens, with only music and each other to keep them going. As Lauren, Maddie and Natalia requested song after song to be added to Mia's Grooveshark queue, Gigi blasted her Beats and ignored everyone while "looking for inspiration" on Pinterest. Laurel and Gigi always tried to sneak "turn down for what" into the book, never failing to get caught. Some nights Mia thought she would need to call an ambulance after running a lap around North because Serena's headlines were so cute. Meanwhile, Pam complained as Martina's cut-out revolution forced her to create countless cut-outs that weren't necessarily for the book.

But sometimes these late work nights weren't enough, and members were forced to skip classes or entire days to finish their work. The staff even came in to work on Sundays, despite any storms Laurel's Satan powers could summon. At break time, everyone scrambled to the back of the room to get matching shady (but temporary) tattoos. It was also time for baby yoga and a mandatory dance break. While Ms. Lanman cart wheeled through Pub, Mia and Alisa were found cat daddying down the hall.

Food had a large impact on the creation of the book. As "Pizza Party" by L'Homme Run echoed throughout Pub, some staffers ate boring cheese pizza while Martina and Elena gorged on (totally not icky) pineapple-mushroom pizza and Mia enjoyed her none-pizza-left-beef. The staff also frequently enjoyed Pam's Pam-fried noodles from Dragon Bowl and everyone shared Zahra's chicken strips. Occasionally incorporating magic into their food ordering, the staff watched as Alex and Chris almost made the money for Jimmy John's disappear. With the Illuminati constantly watching over their shoulders, the staff completed the book and celebrated by breaking up...and eating cake.

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The staff designed the full color litho cover with soft lamination and UV coating. Cover inspiration came from a *Nylon Guys* feature on Wes Anderson. The copy font is Minion Pro, while the headline and accent fonts are Helvetica and Helvetica Neue. The inspiration for the theme **MORE** THAN came from the added hour to the school day (from six periods to seven) as well as what students gained this school year.

All pages were designed using Adobe CS6 InDesign, and all photographs were edited in Photoshop. All photos are digital, taken on a variety of cameras, either a Nikon D5100, D7000, D90 or a Canon EOS Rebel T3i or T4i. For the first time in *Paragon* history, no film pictures were used in yearbook candids. HR Imaging/ Root Studios shot all underclassman and senior portraits, as well as club group shots. Professional photographers from HR Imaging helped supplement our student photography for the formal dance spread and a few sport spreads.

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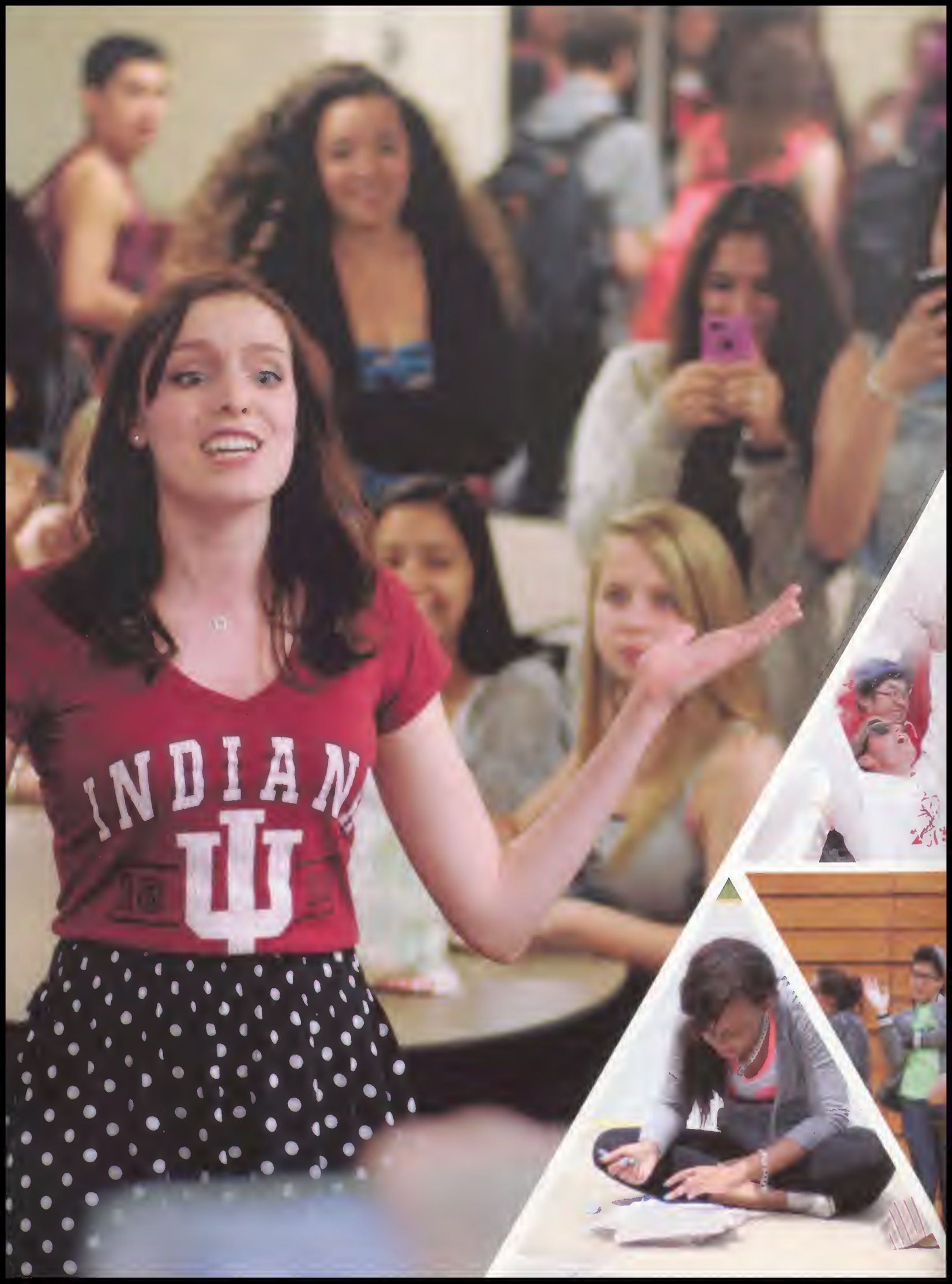
INDIANA

Seventh hour draws to a close. We've turned in our Scantrons and have officially completed our finals. The year that started off with so many questions is now over, and we find ourselves reflecting on what the past 178 days have brought us. We realize how different they were from our expectations.

Yes, our Dell backpacks may have gained a little more weight, our laptops may have died more often in sixth period and we may have missed out on French Bread Pizza a few times due to obnoxiously long lines.

But the year was so much more than that.

We discovered we actually really enjoyed our Drawing class, despite only taking it to fill a gap in our schedule. We cheered on Varsity Football at Sectionals for the first time in eighteen years. We crowd surfed at HUM Culture Night. We sang our hearts out during C Lunch on the last day of school to "Stick to the Status Quo." And even though we may have not placed first at We the People State, we bonded with our Unit and developed a newfound appreciation for government.

But it wasn't just school that surpassed our expectations. We also proved that we weren't limited to what others thought about us.

We were so much more than that.

We started our own Champions Together program and qualified for State as a unified team. We danced through the night to raise money for Riley Children's Foundation at Dance Marathon. We gained the ability to buy a dance ticket for our significant other of the same gender. And we picked ourselves up after the loss of a friend and rose stronger than ever.

Looking back, we made the most of what we gained.
We were, and always will be,

MORE THAN

◀ IN THE MIDDLE OF THE CAFETERIA, Morgan Papesh, senior, channels her inner Sharpay Evans during a surprise performance of "Stick to the Status Quo" on the last day of school. "Judie (Muhrez, senior) and Eashan (Kumar, senior) told me about the idea a few days before the last day of school," Morgan said. "I think it came about because, secretly, we all wanted to be a part of 'High School Musical' from a young age. Since it was our last day of high school, it was the perfect time to do it. I was a little nervous at first because I didn't know how the other students or administrators would react. When it was over, I was so happy that I was a part of it. It was the best way to spend my last lunch at Munster High School." ▲ HAND IN HAND, sophomores Dylan Goodman and Anna Bilse and Jordan Grinstead, junior, walk a lap together at the Booster Club Walkathon. The walkathon consisted of 20 laps and raised money for cancer research. "We were having a really good time," Anna said. "We used teamwork to help each other get through the laps." ▲ AS THE BALL HURTLES TOWARD HOME PLATE, Kyle Palermo, sophomore, watches as it nears Alex Mis, sophomore. "During the game, you can't really think," Kyle said. "The more you think, the more you mess up." ▲ LOCKED IN A HUG, juniors Hannah Witting, Rachel Jamrose, Kathleen Gonzales and Allison Hemingway celebrate their ISSMA Solo and Ensemble gold medal. "We were really excited," Rachel said. "We didn't practice as much, so we weren't sure if we were going to make it, but when we did we were super excited." ◀ BABY POWDER FLYING THROUGH THE AIR, seniors Matt Specht, Jung Kim, Luke Wuchenich and Demetri Delis watch as it covers the Student Section at the Varsity Football game against Andrean. "It was legit," Matt said. "It was something that seniors can look back at and say we did and it was awesome." ◀ SIDE BY SIDE, seniors Elizabeth Beckman and Jesse Palma dance together at Dance Marathon. "I thought it was going to be a charity event and low-key, but it was more like a party that everyone could enjoy," Elizabeth said. "It was really fun to bring people together for a good cause while still getting turnt at the same time." ◀ SITTING ON THE SIDEWALK OUTSIDE, DeArJnae Douglas, sophomore, draws line structures with chalk to study organic chemistry in sixth hour Chemistry. "It (being outside) made learning fun," DeArJnae said. "You weren't sitting at your desk, you were outside enjoying the day and learning also."

▲ LAST BUT NOT LEAST Diploma and cap in hand, Courtney Zunica, senior, throws her arms up in celebration after being the final senior to receive their diploma. "I did something crazy at eighth grade graduation, so I wanted to do something again," Courtney said. "I love being last. I have to wait for like, two hours, but because I'm the last person it allows me to do something crazy since no one's behind me. I feel like it's a great way to end the year. No worries, you're finally done."